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# the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN<sup>®</sup>

THE VULTURE'S  
BACK-- DEADLIER  
THAN EVER!

"LET FLY THESE AGED WINGS!"



STAN LEE PRESENTS THE ADVENTURES OF THE WORLD'S MOST AMAZING HERO--SPIDER-MAN!

# "LET FLY THESE AGED WINGS!"

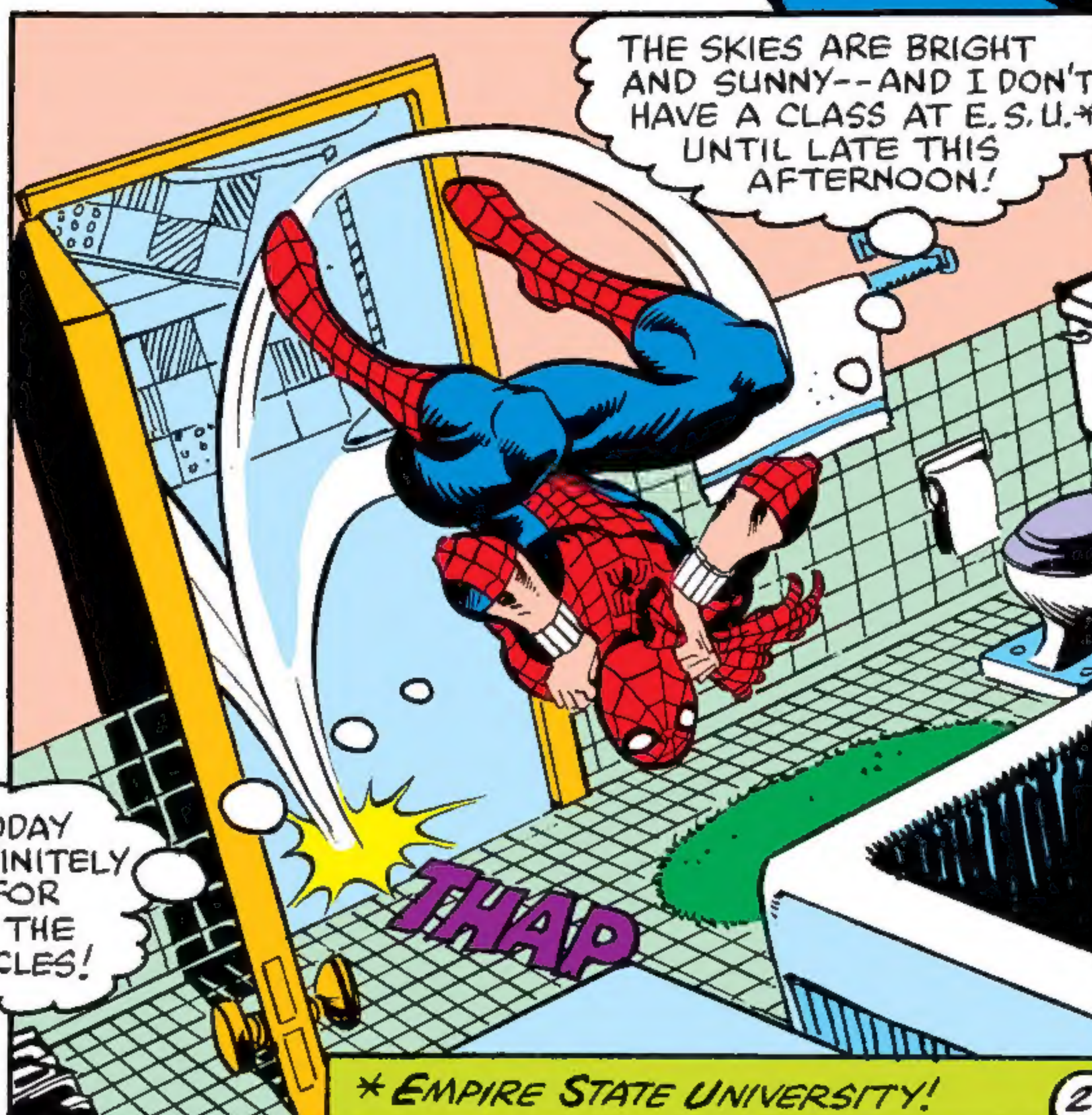
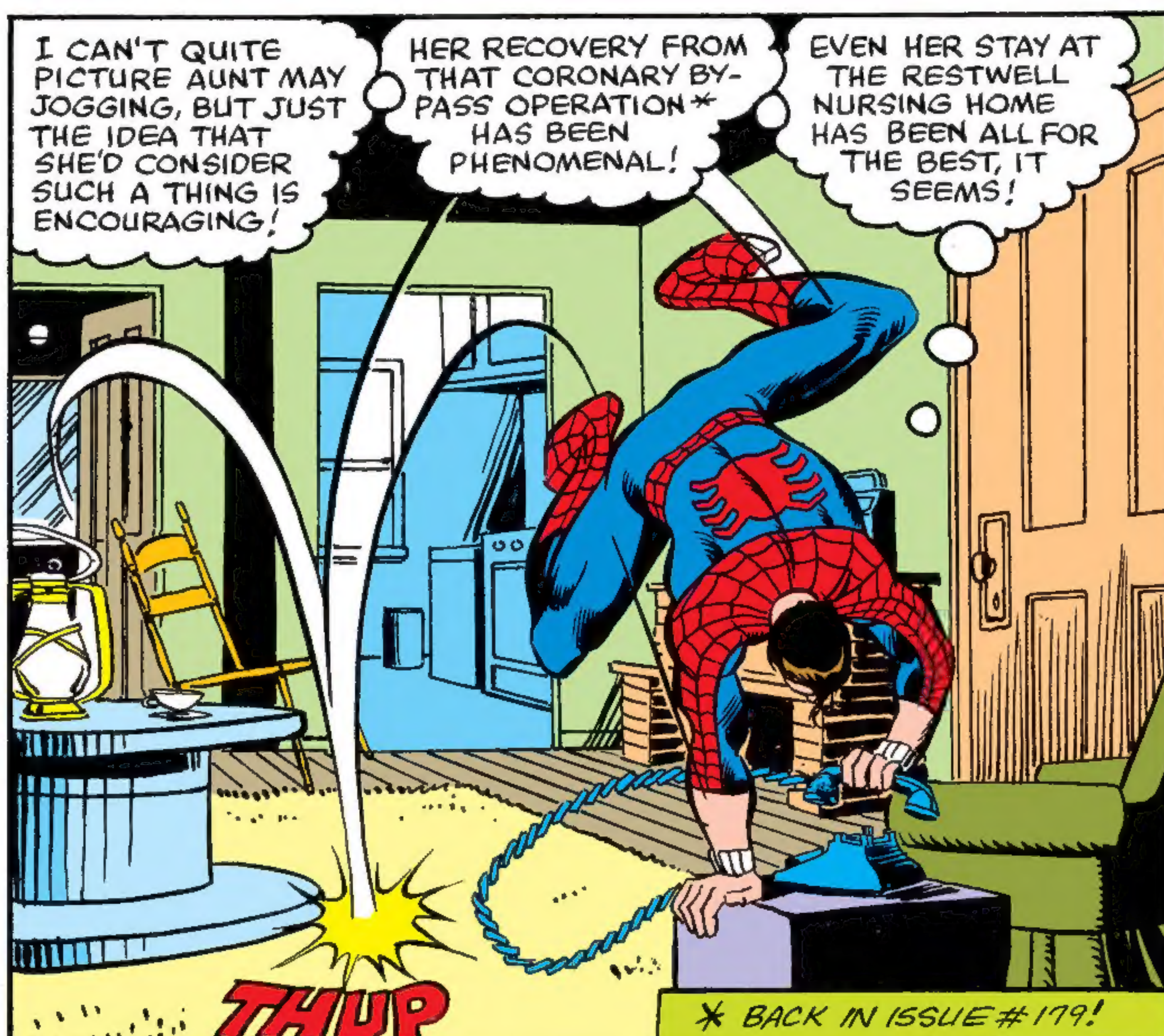
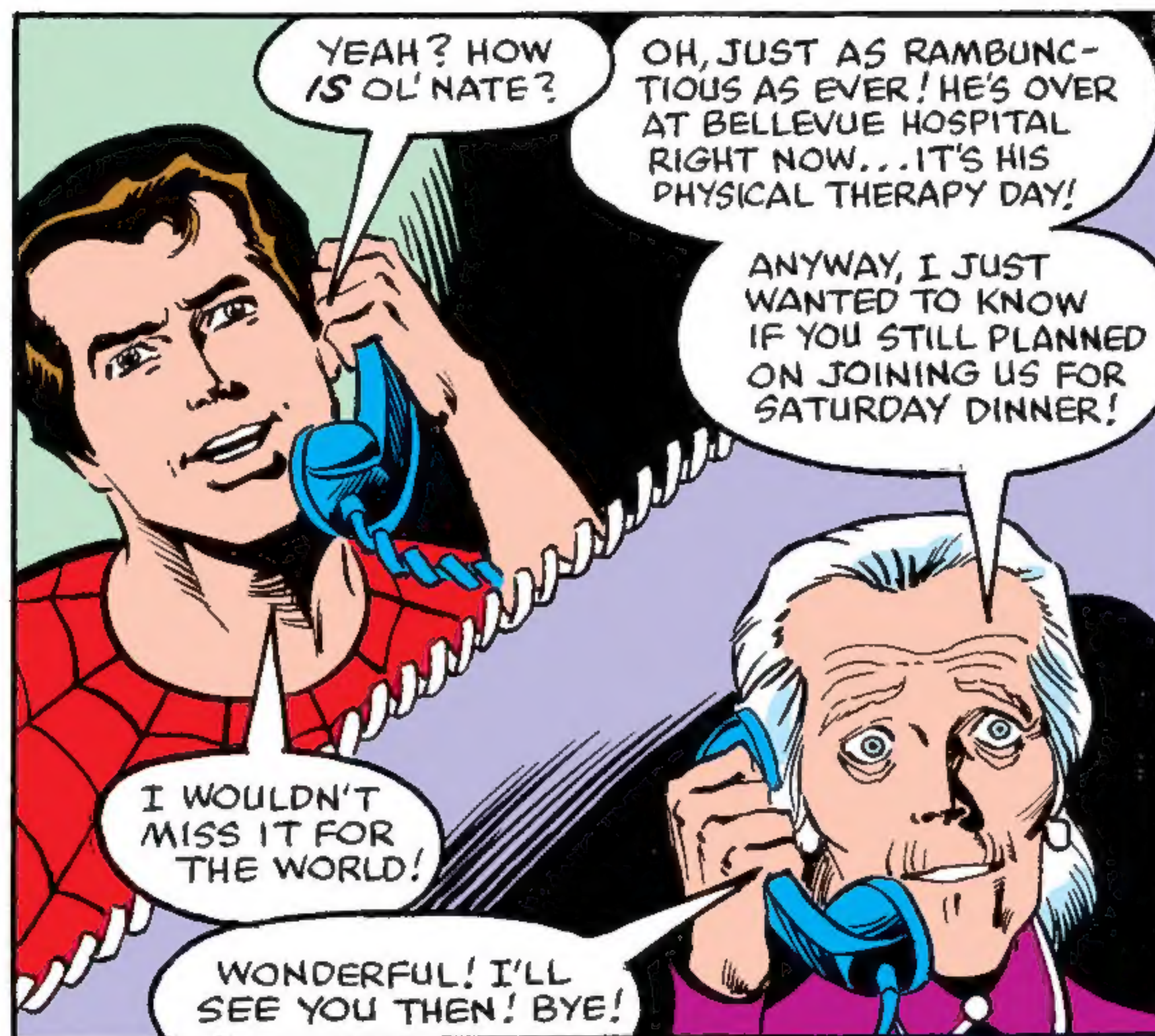
MID-MORNING IN THE CHELSEA  
APARTMENT OF ONE PETER  
PARKER...

AUNT MAY!  
HOW ARE YOU?  
NO, YOU'RE NOT  
INTERRUPTING  
ANYTHING... I  
WAS JUST  
GETTING A  
LITTLE  
EXERCISE!

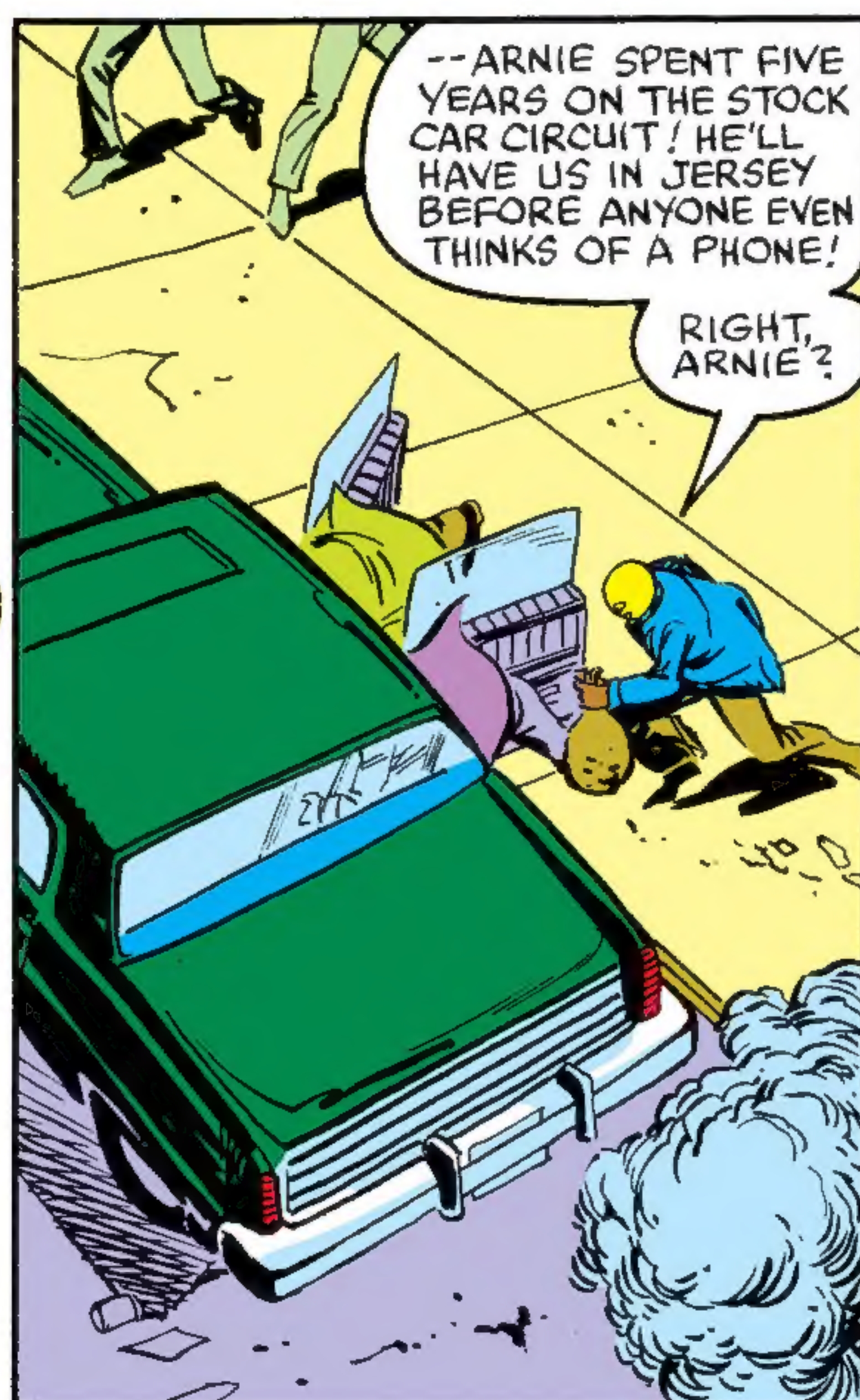
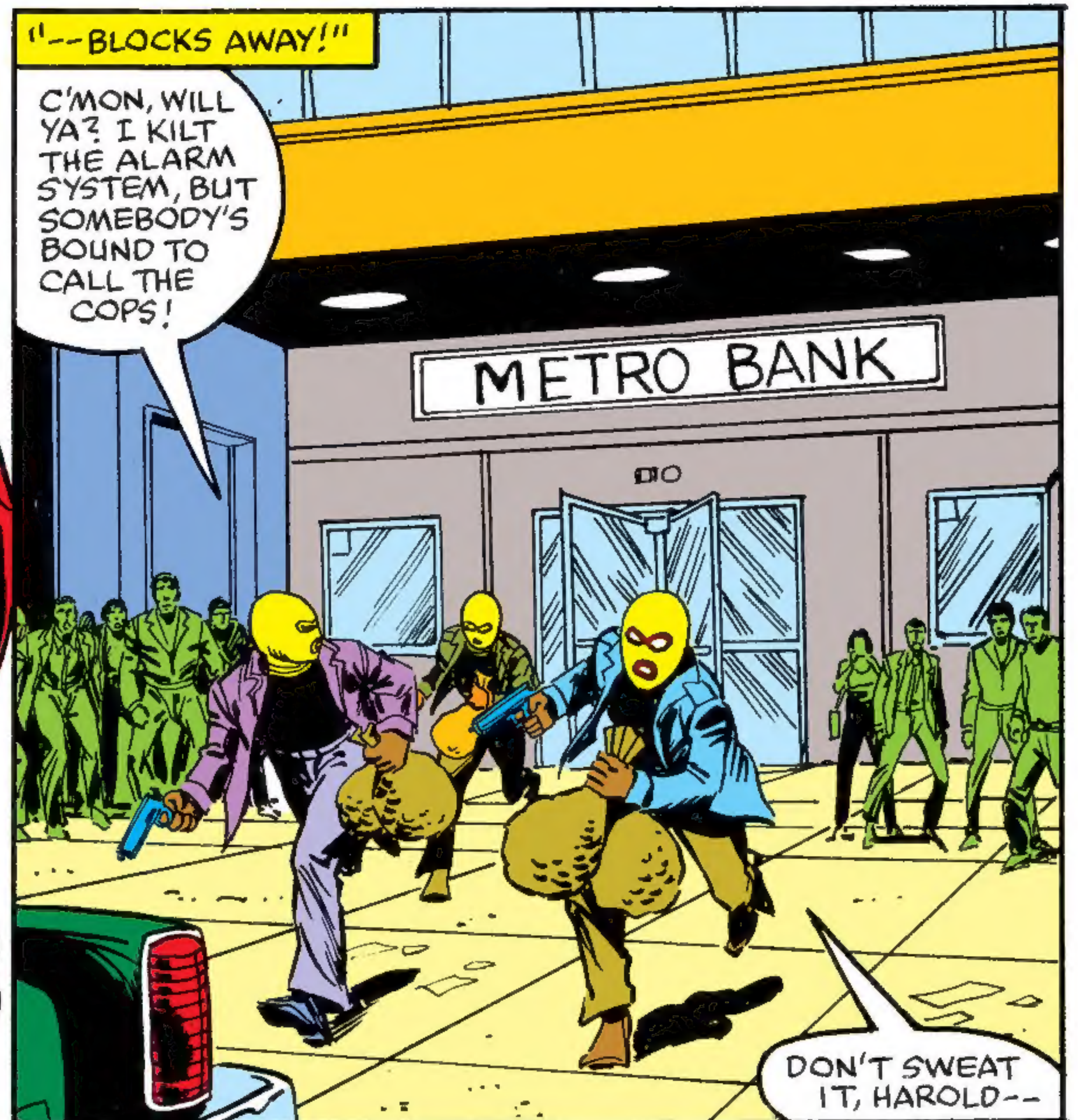
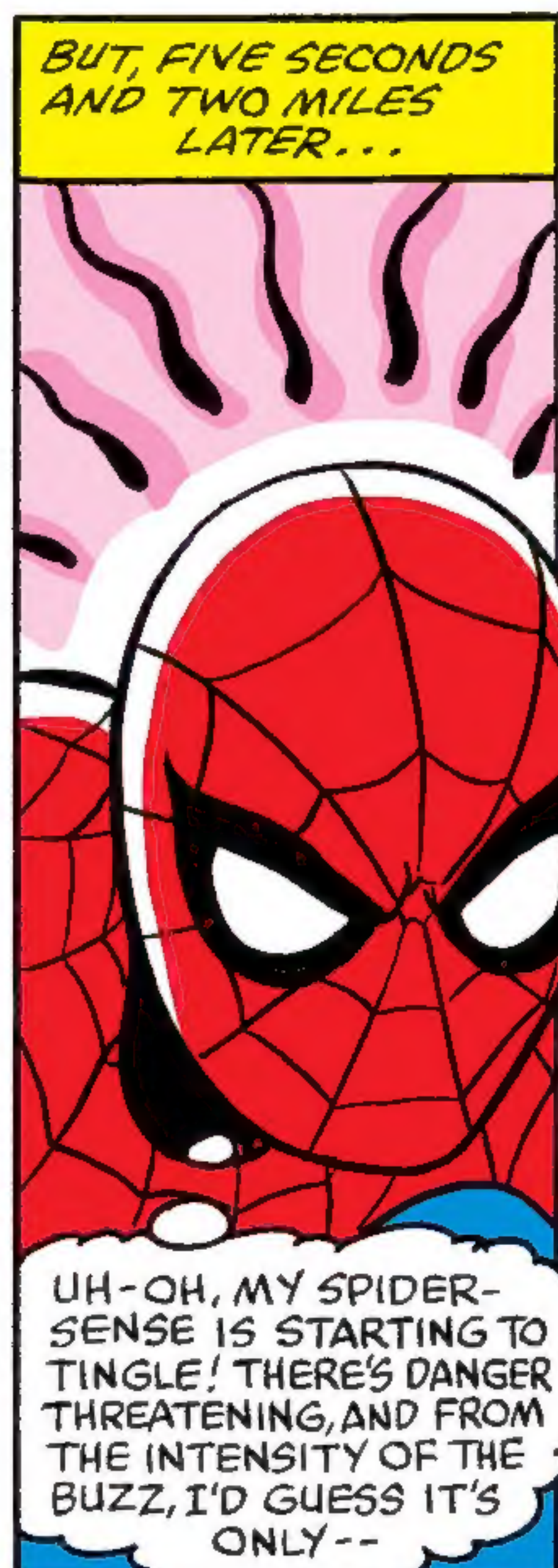
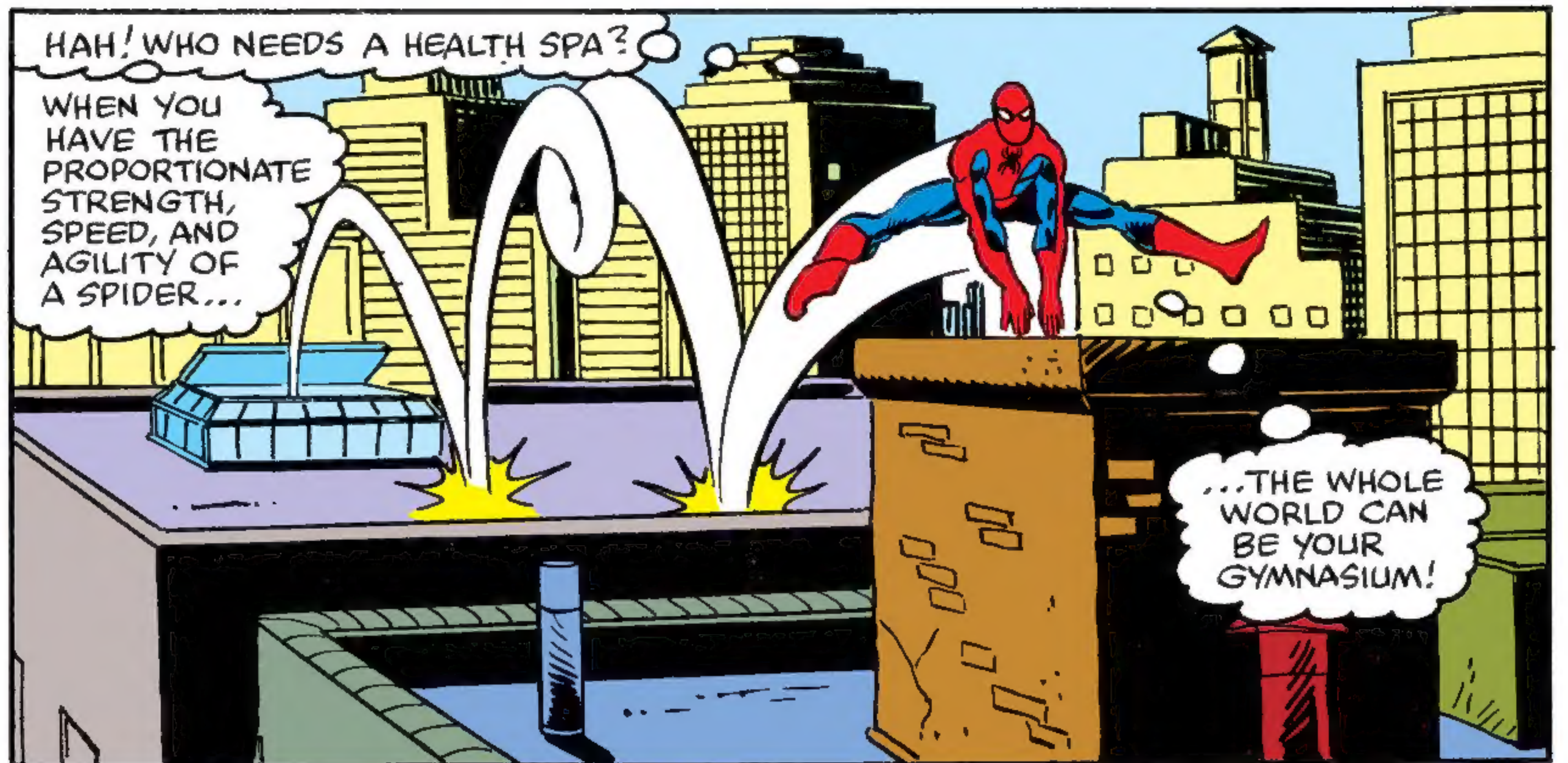
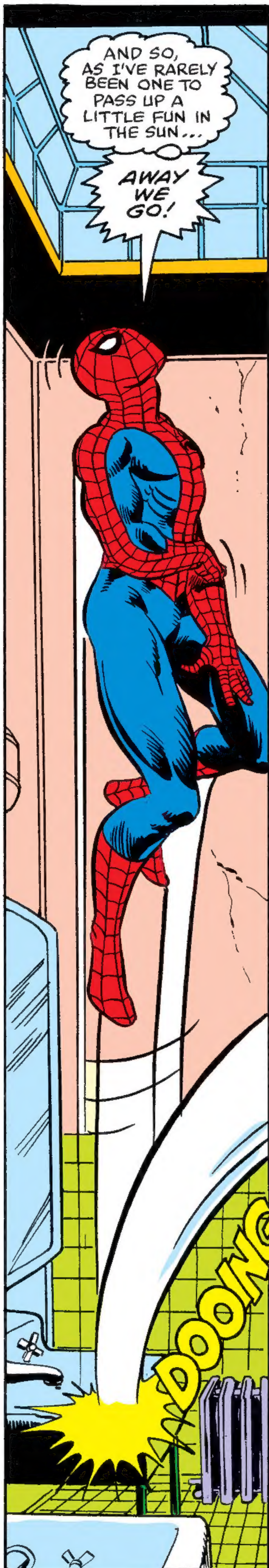
A TALE TASTEFULLY TOLD BY OUR AMAZING SPIDER-TEAM...  
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COLORIST EDITOR SEEKER OF TRUE HAPPINESS

SO WHAT'S YOUR  
TROUBLE? HAVEN'T  
YOU EVER SEEN A FELLA  
GET A CALL FROM  
HIS AUNT BEFORE?

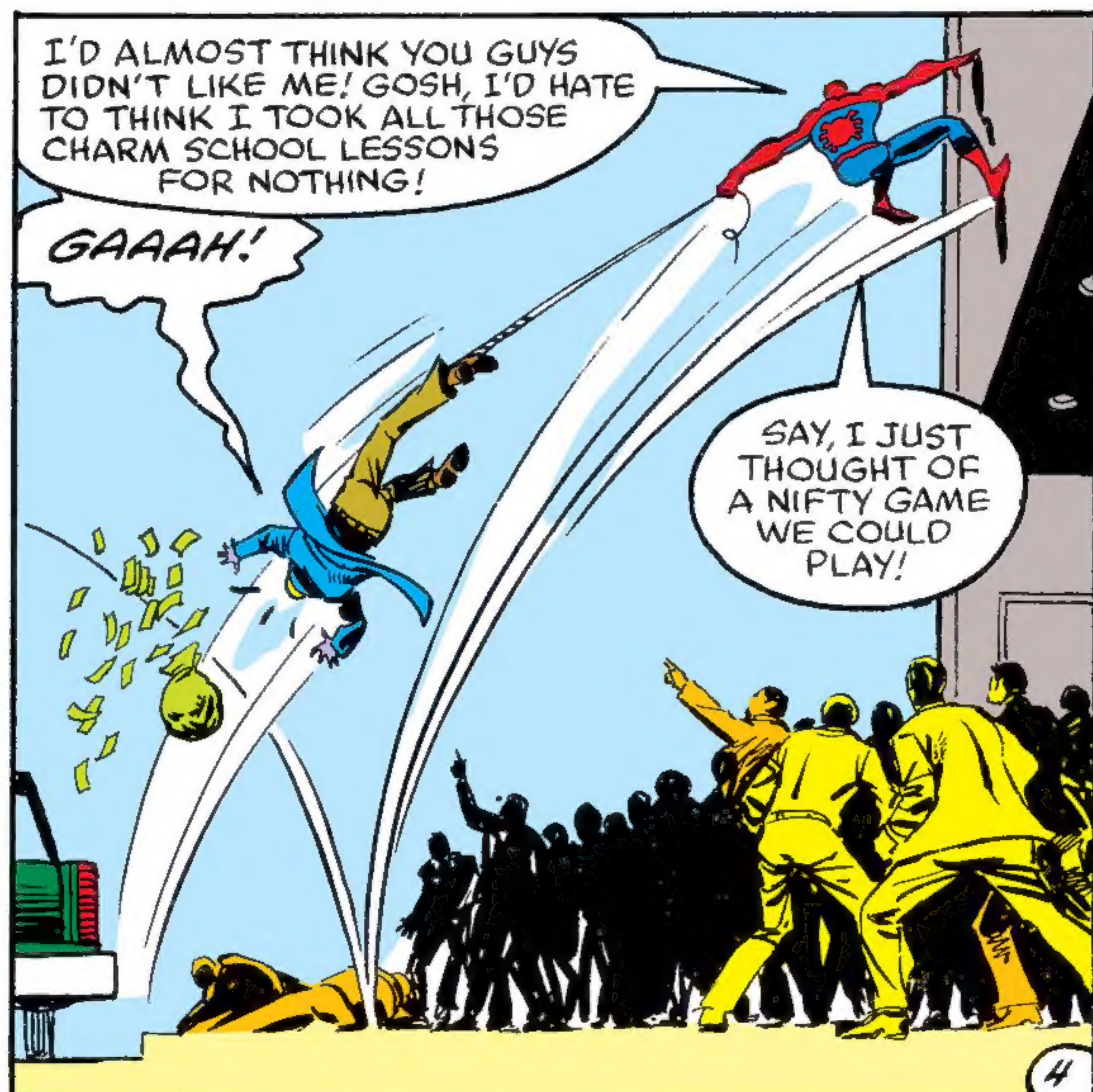
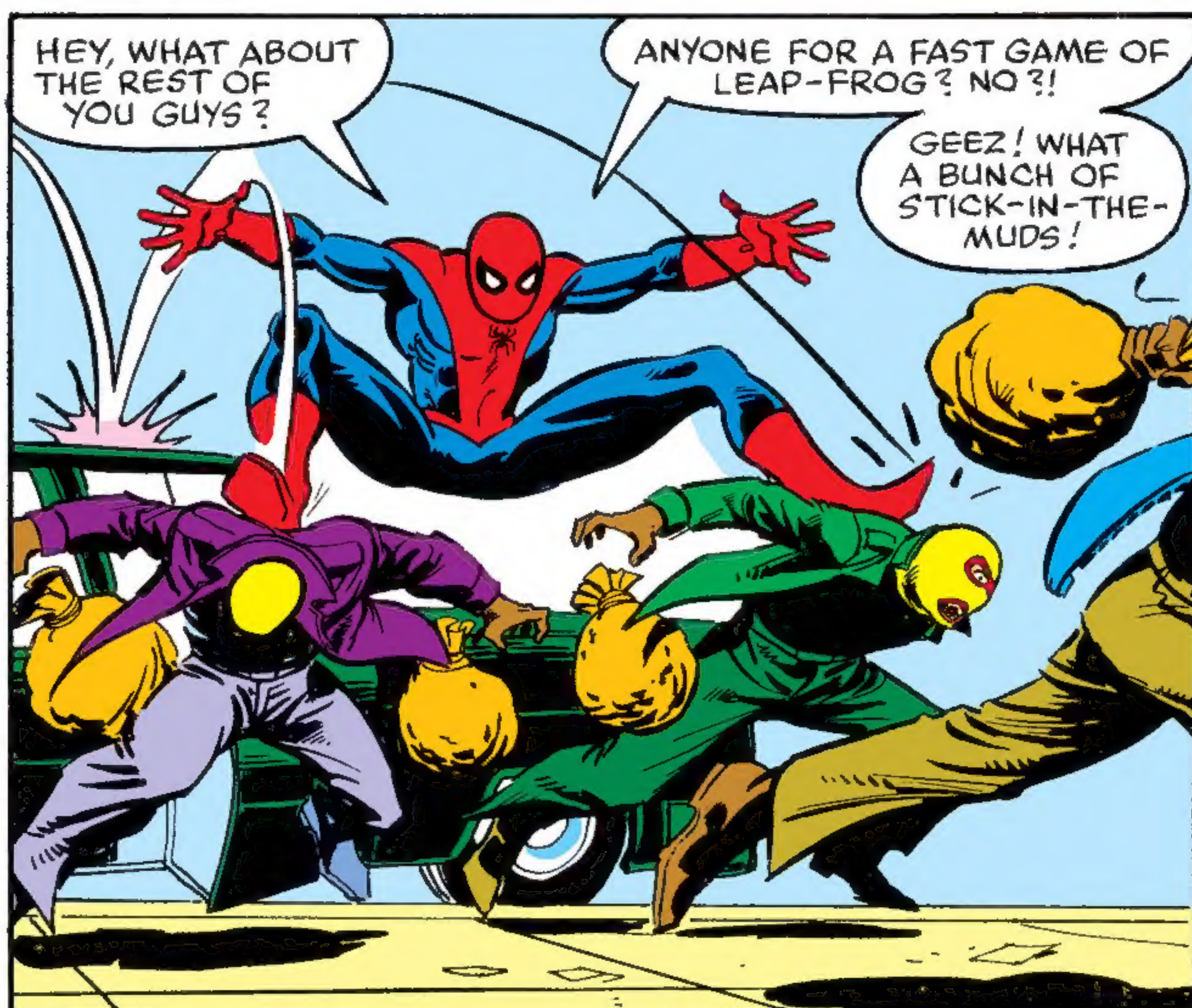
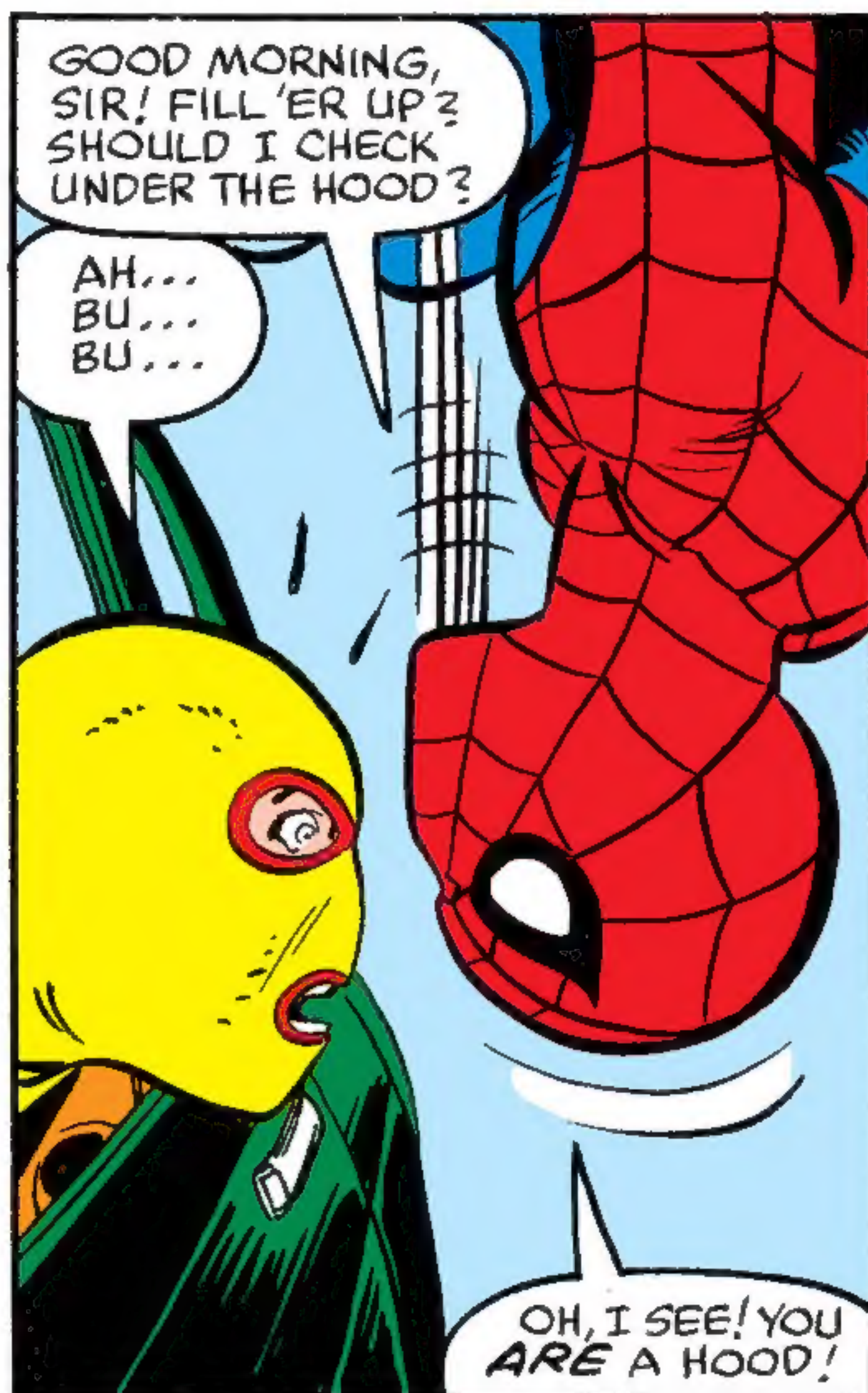
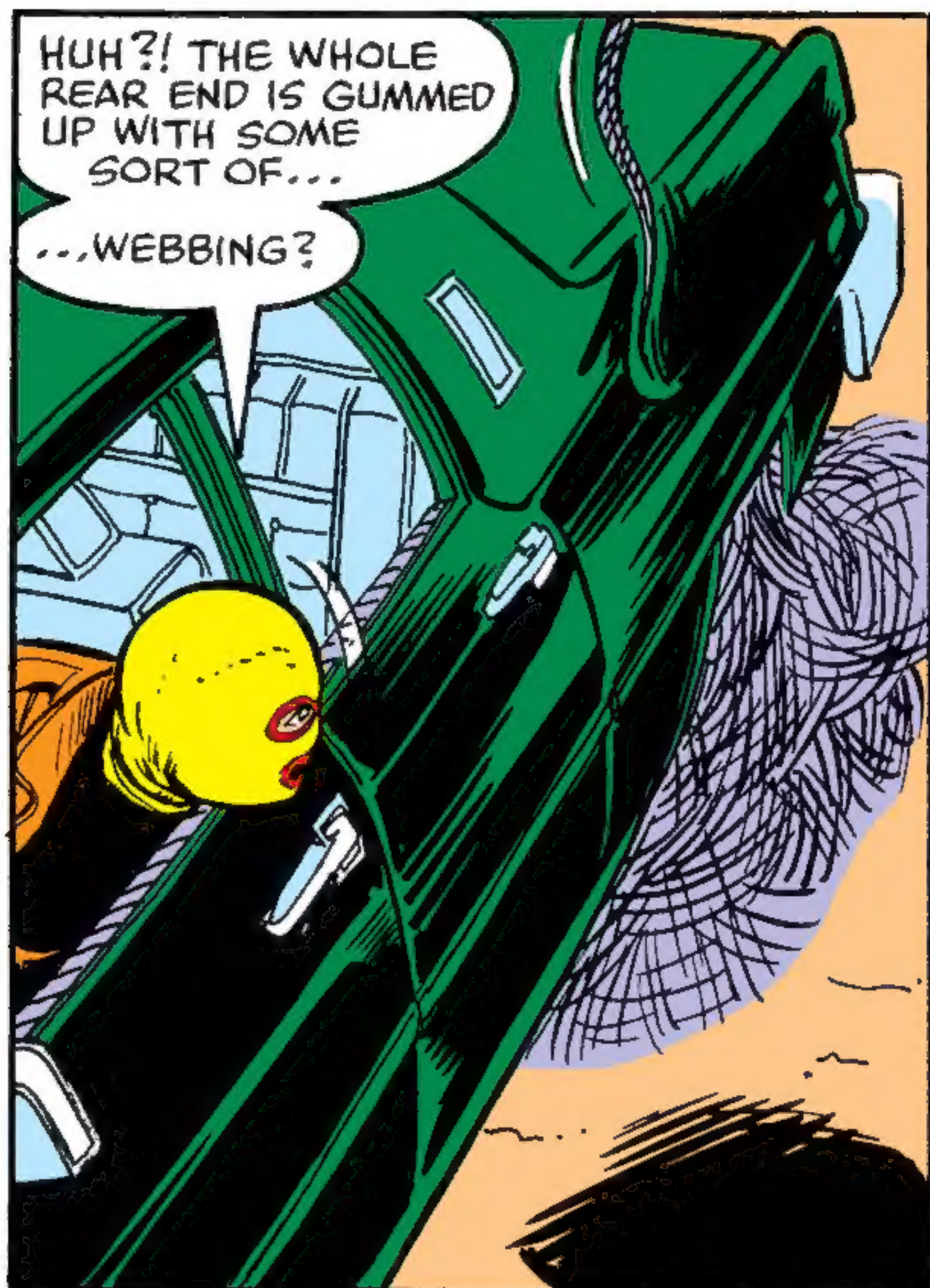




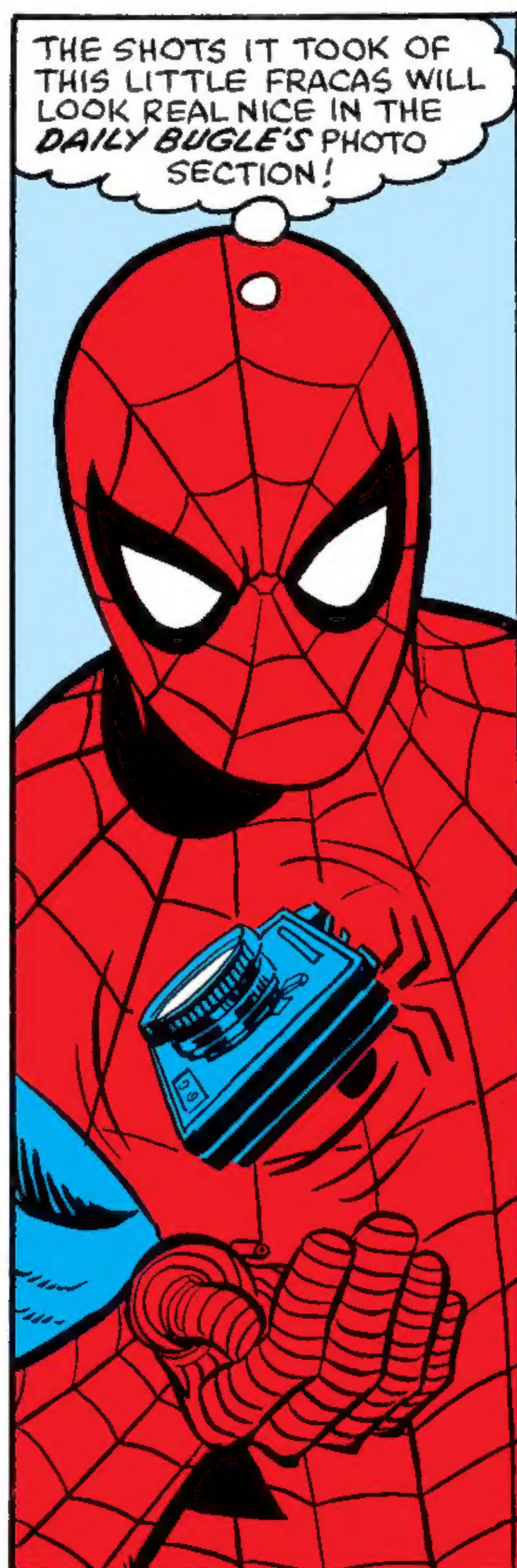
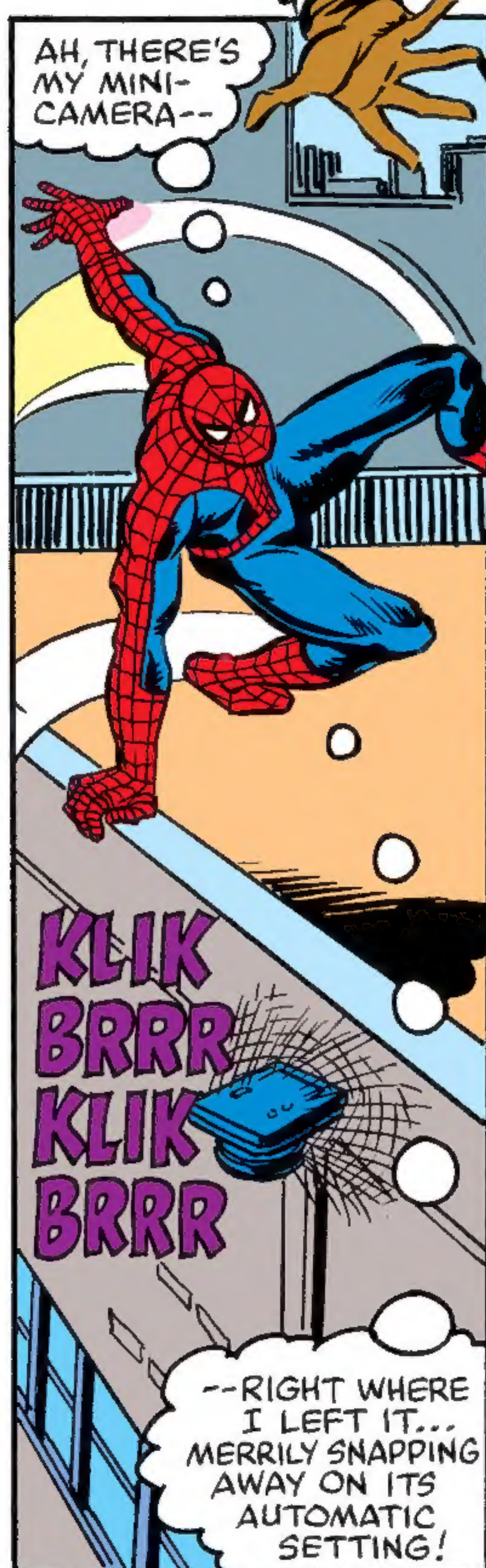
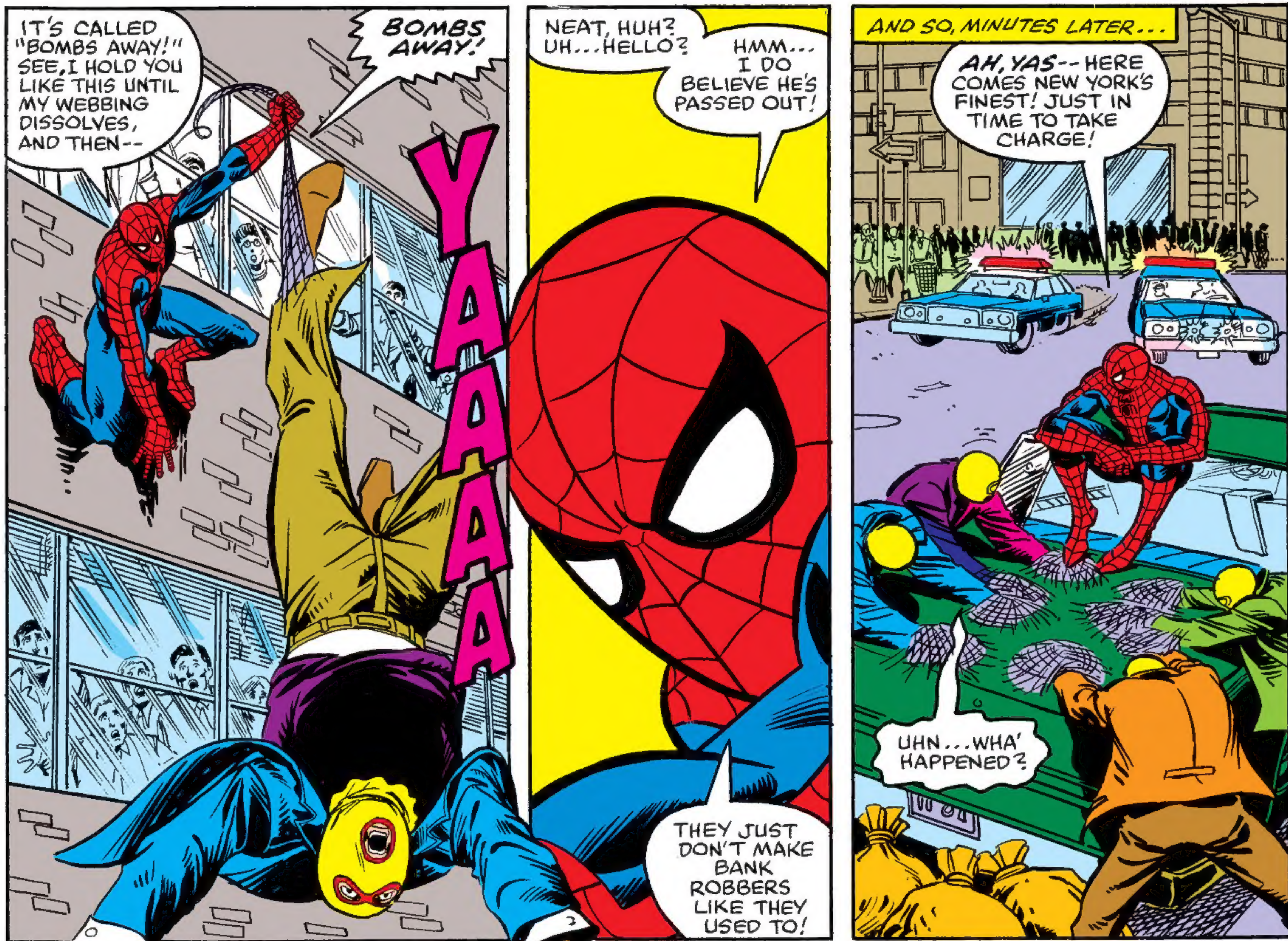














MEANWHILE, AT MANHATTAN'S  
BELLEVUE HOSPITAL...

I'M TELLIN'  
YOU, MAN--  
YOU MUST'A  
BEEN BORN  
UNDER A  
LUCKY STAR!  
I MEAN--

--YOU HAD MORE BROKEN BONES THAN HEINZ HAS PICKLES! I'D HAVE THOUGHT THAT AN OLD DUDE LIKE YOU WOULD'VE BEEN IN TRACTION FOR LIFE!

MY...FAMILY... HAS ALWAYS BEEN VERY RESILIENT.

YEAH? WELL, DON'T GO THINKIN' YOU'RE **TOO** RESILIENT! 'CAUSE AS SOON AS THE DOCS GIVE YOU A CLEAN BILL'A HEALTH:--

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HEALTH--

-- BUT, AT YOUR AGE, A YEAR COULD BE A LIFE SENTENCE!

-- SOME GENTLEMEN WILL BE BY TO CONDUCT YOU TO ONE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S FINER PRISONS! I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY YEARS THEY GOT YOU FOR--

HEY, BRO! HERE'S OL' MAN TOOMES... ALL SET FOR HIS FIRST HOUR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY!

YOU JUST WATCH OUT FOR HIM, THOUGH! HE'S A PURELY DANGEROUS CRIMINAL! WHY, HE'S LIABLE TO BEAT YA TO DEATH WITH HIS CANE!

HAH-HA-HA!

YEAH, ...SURE! RIGHT THIS WAY, MR. TOOMES--

YEAH...SURE!  
RIGHT THIS WAY,  
MR. TOOMES--

--AND WE'LL SEE TO SETTING UP A THERAPY PROGRAM FOR YOU.

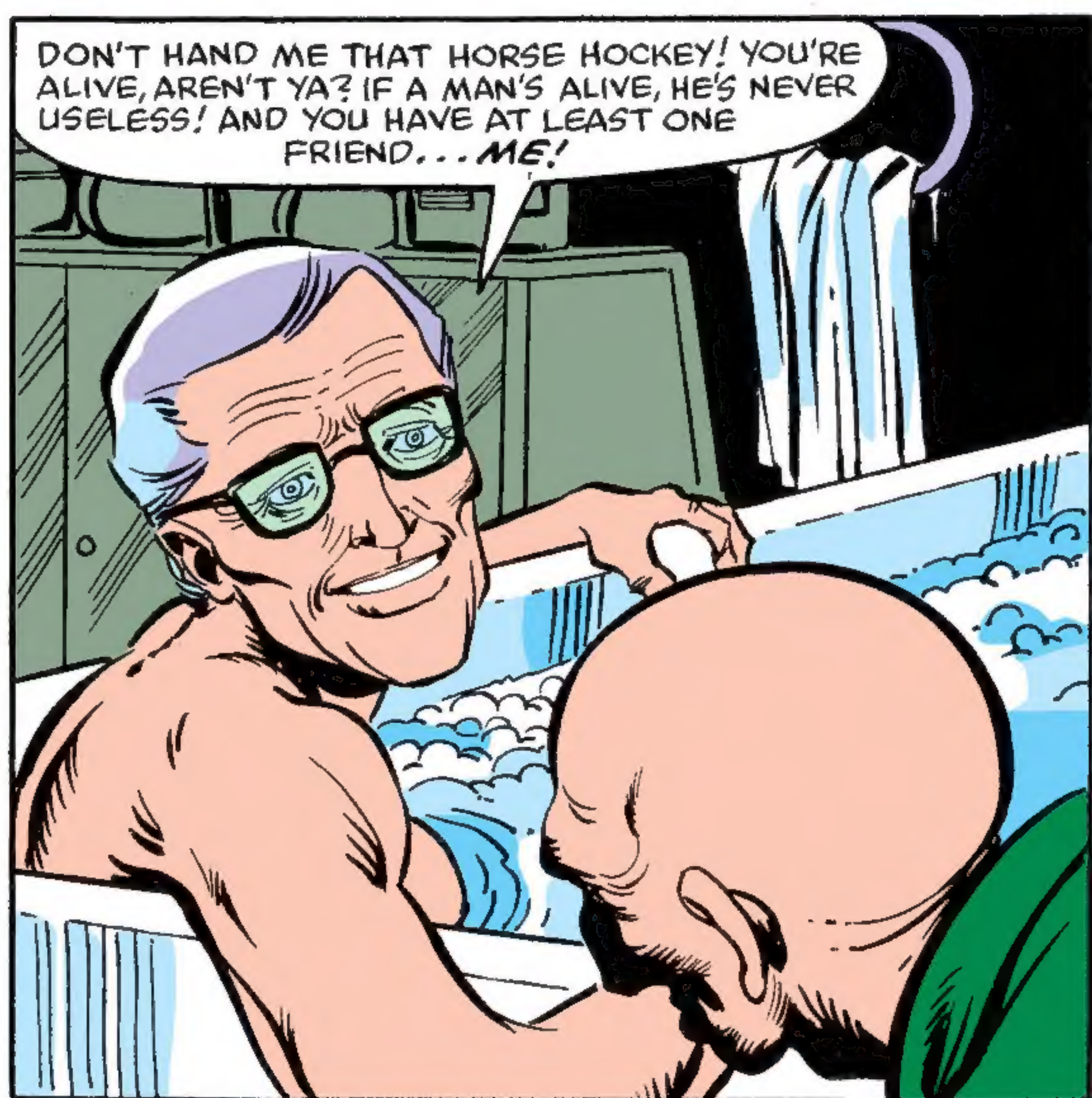
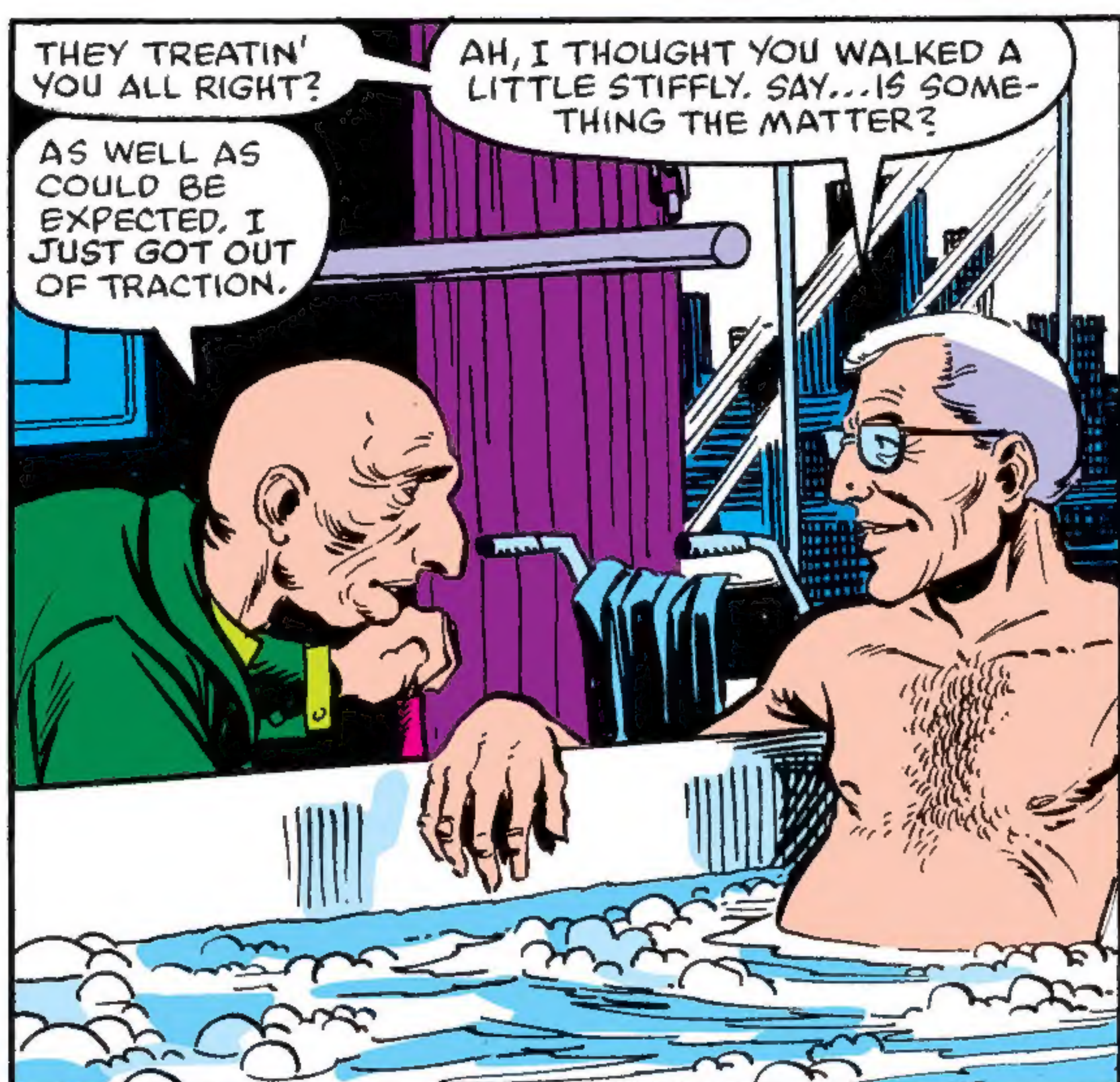
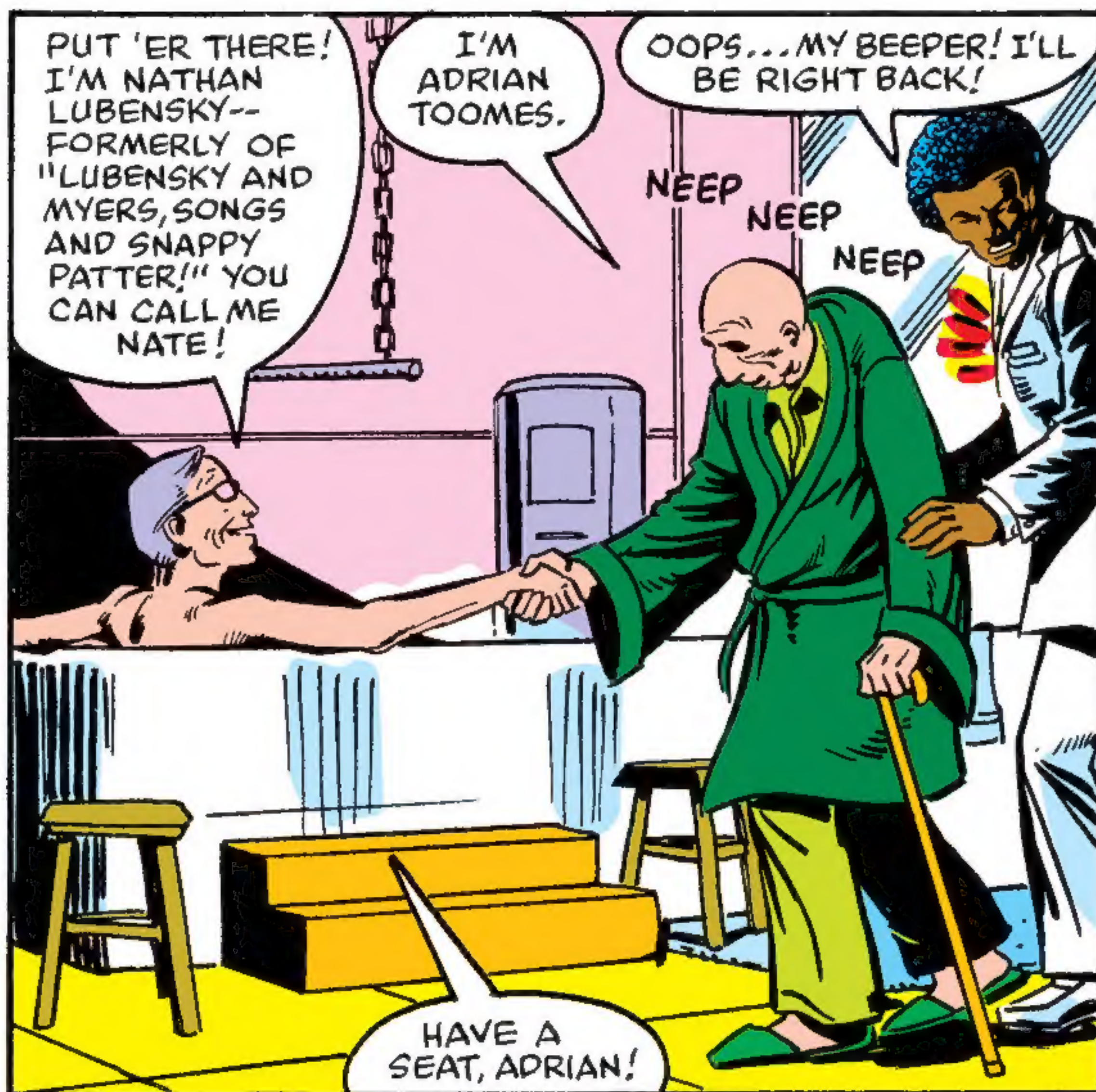
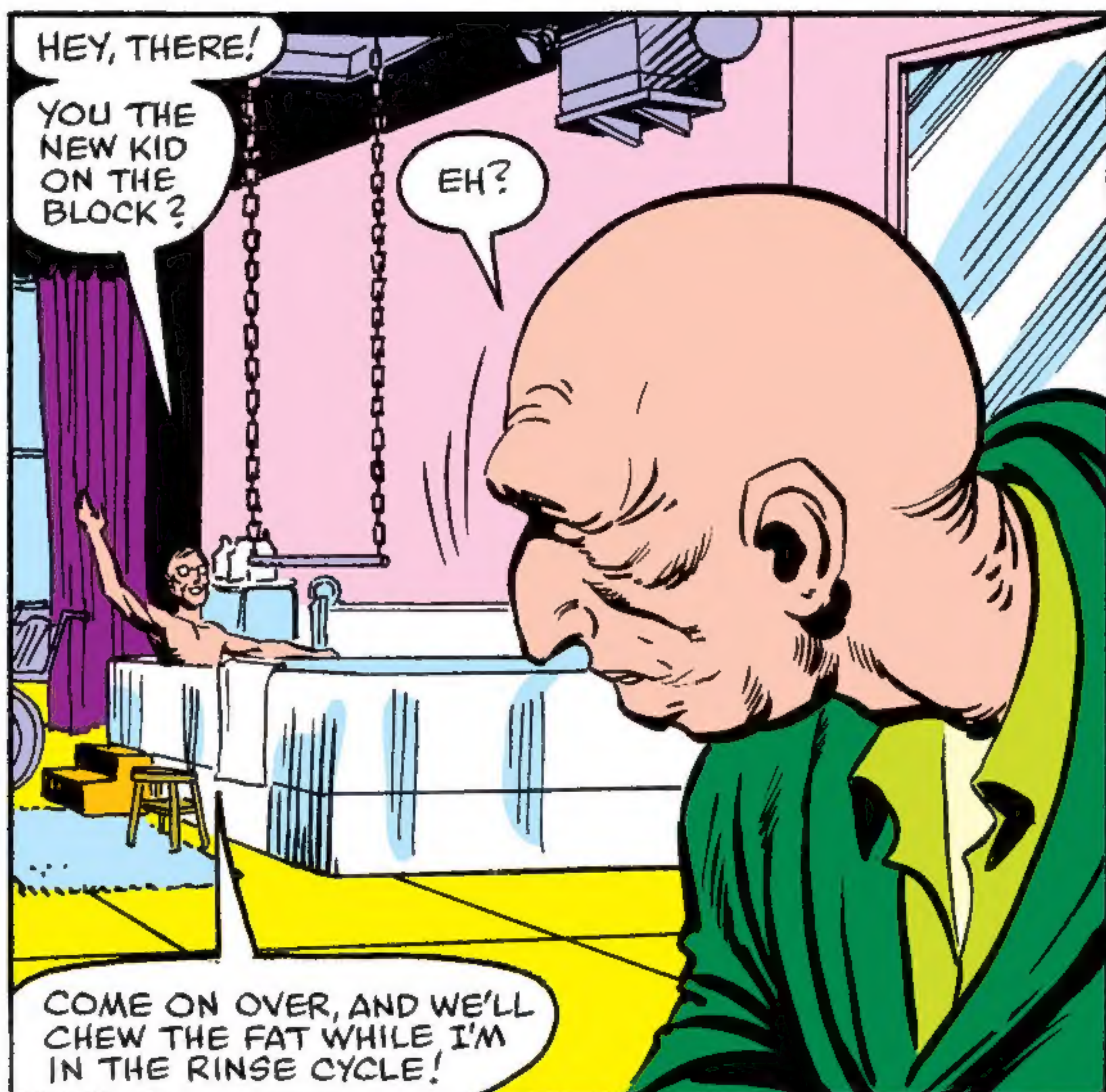
PLEASE EXCUSE THE MESS. THE HOSPITAL IS INSTALLING A NEW DEVICE FOR ELECTRONICALLY STIMULATING THE HEALING OF BROKEN BONES--

--AND THE TECHNICIANS HAVEN'T FINISHED CONNECTING ALL THE MAGNO-ELECTRONICS YET!

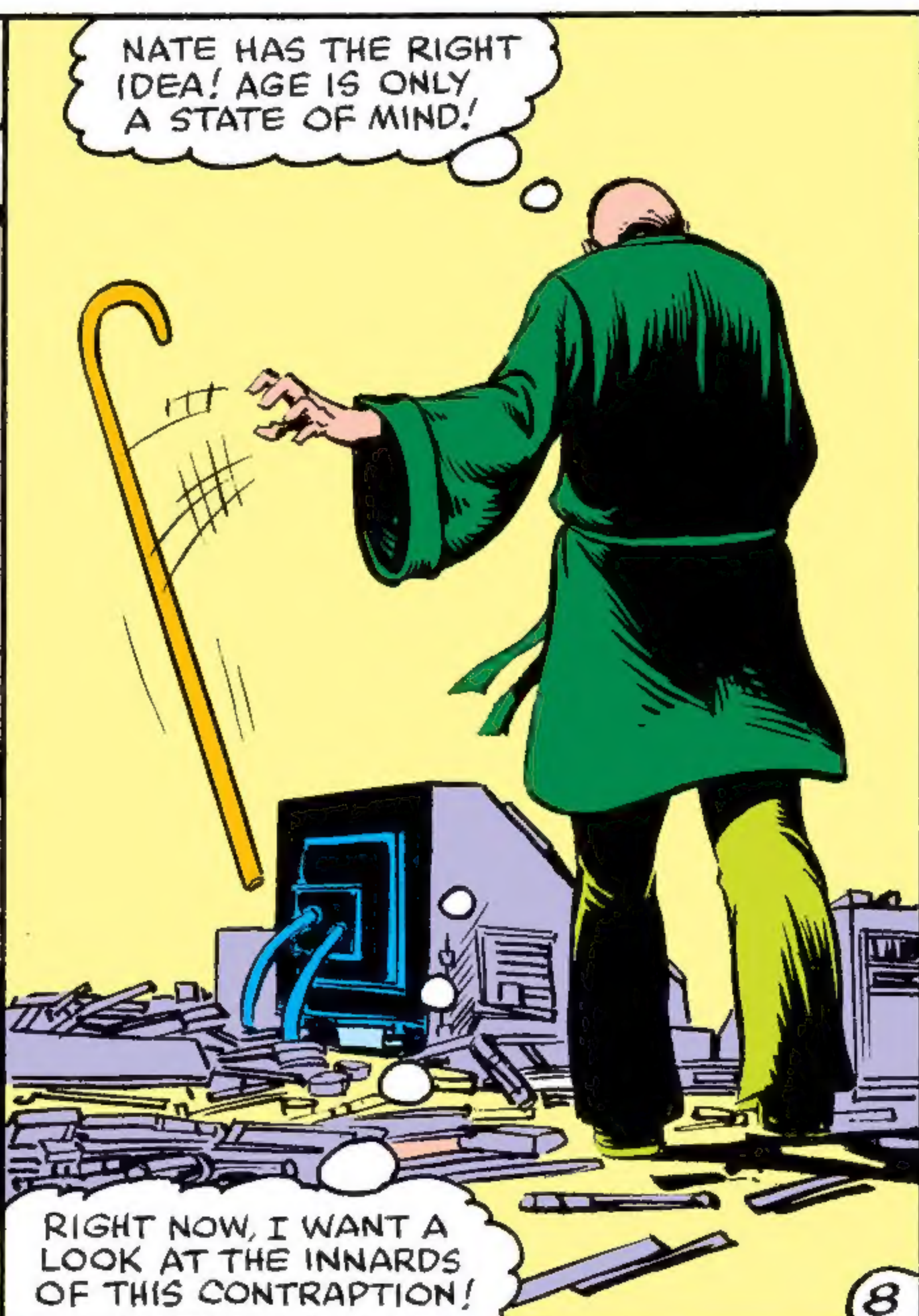
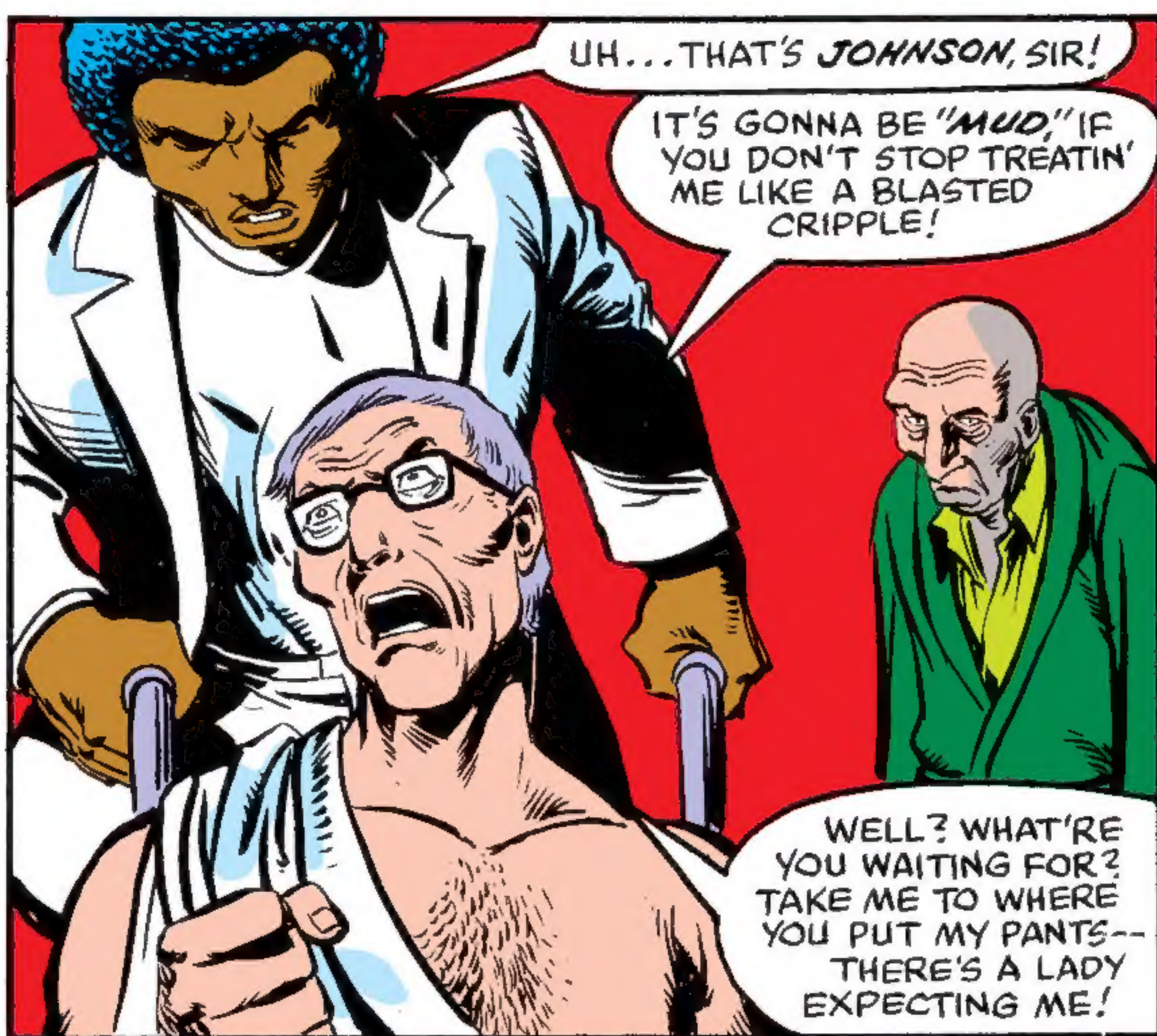
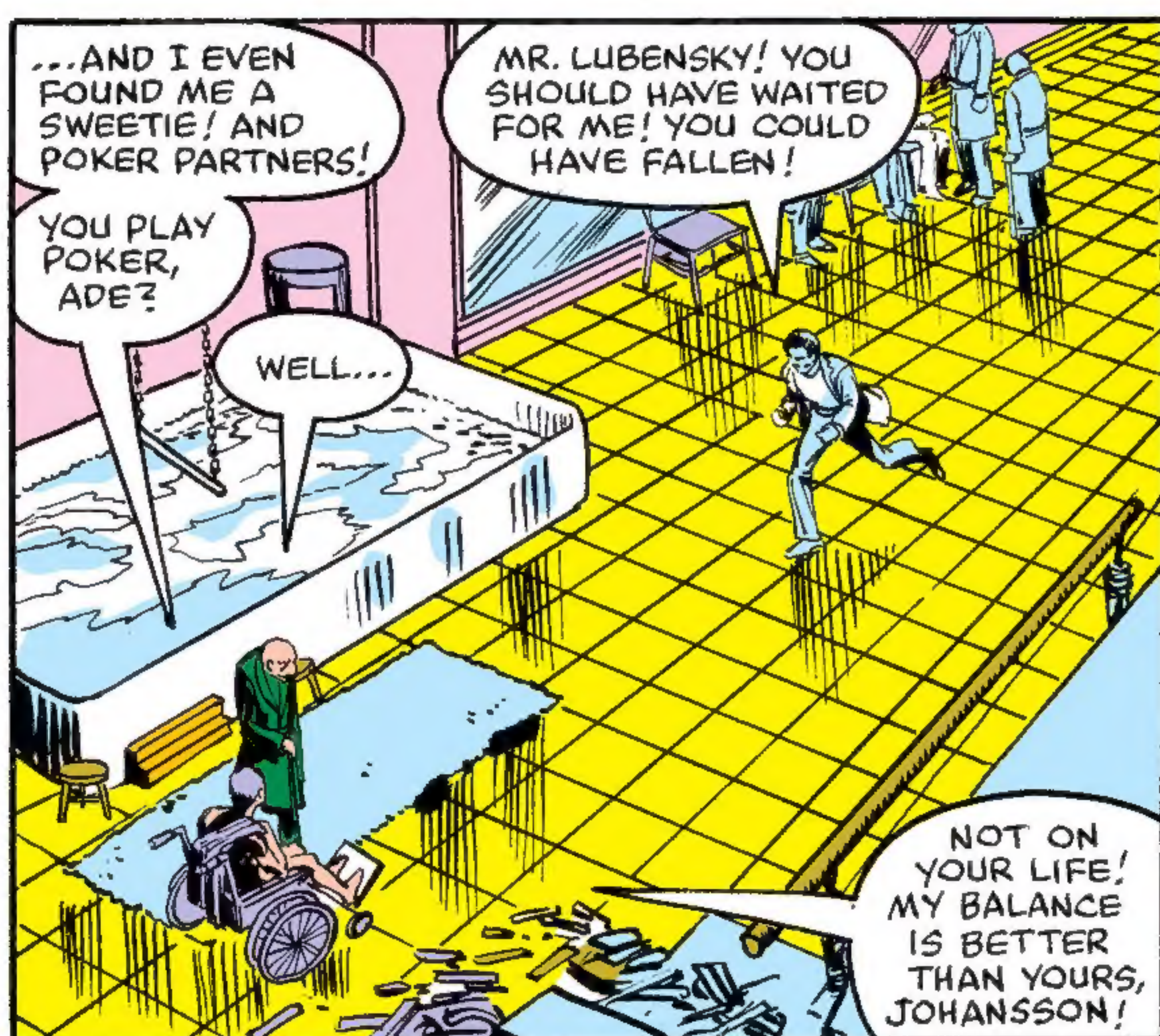
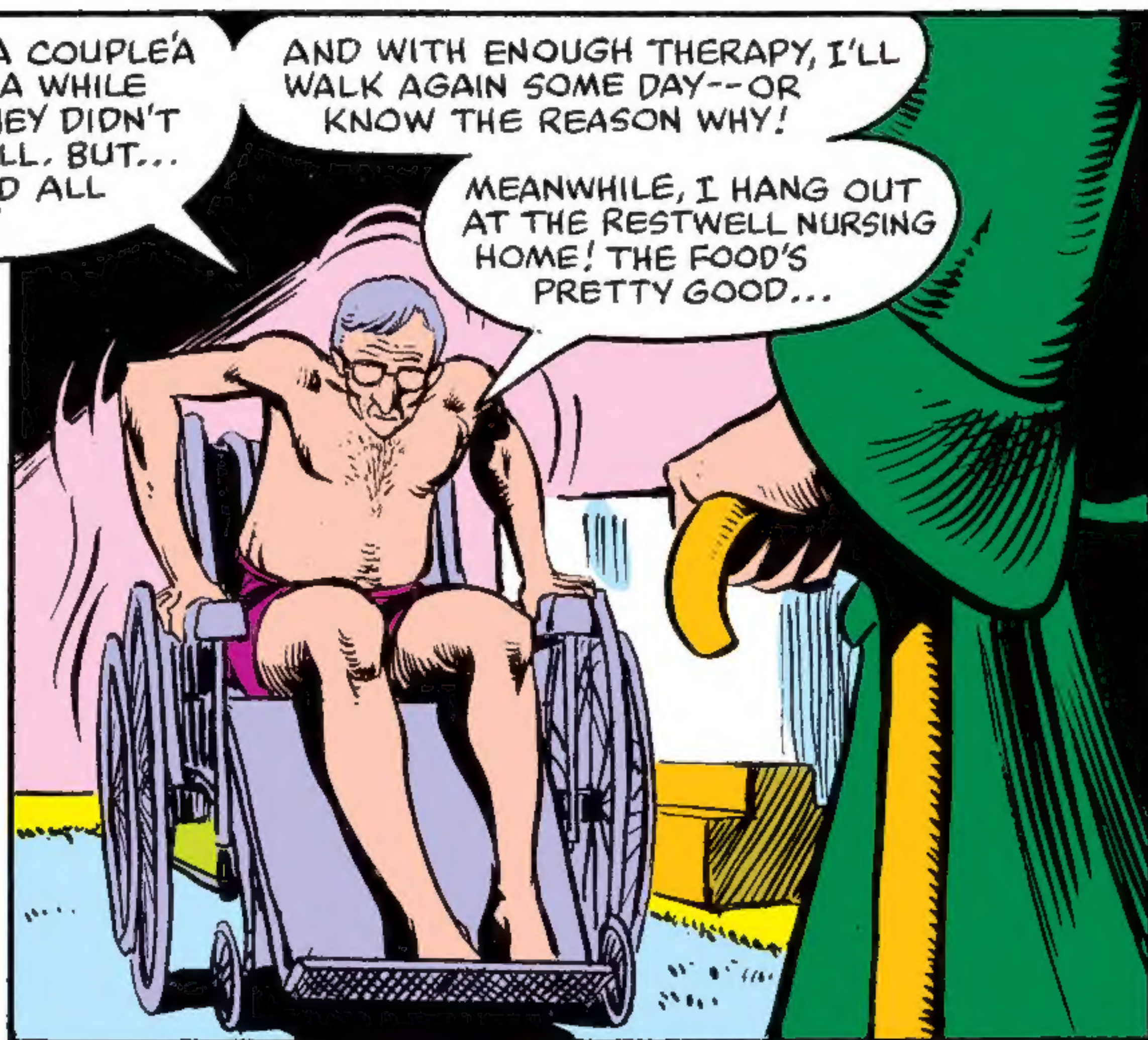
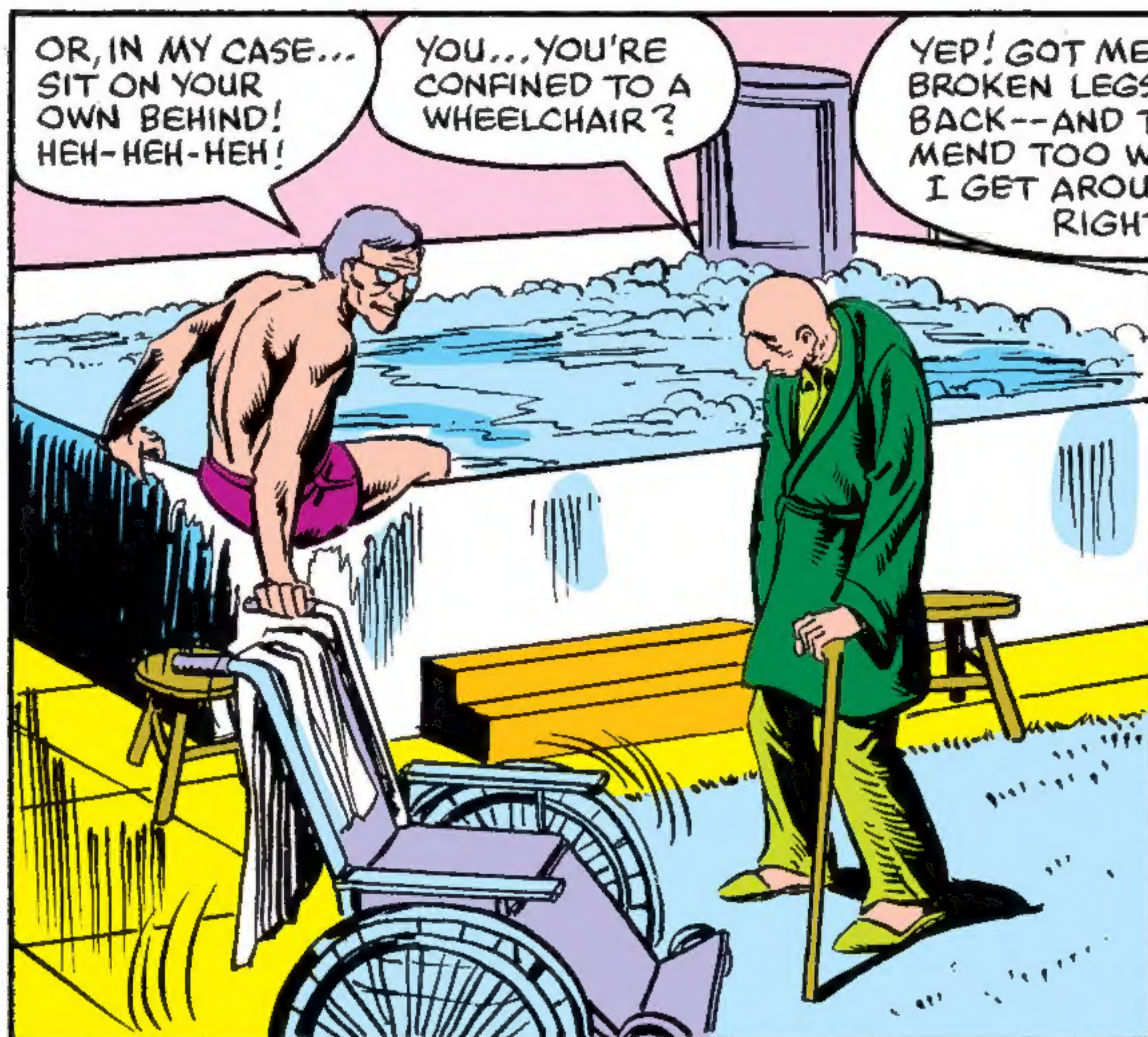
WE'RE A LITTLE SHORT-HANDED TODAY. WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A SEAT, WHILE I LOOK UP YOUR RECORDS?

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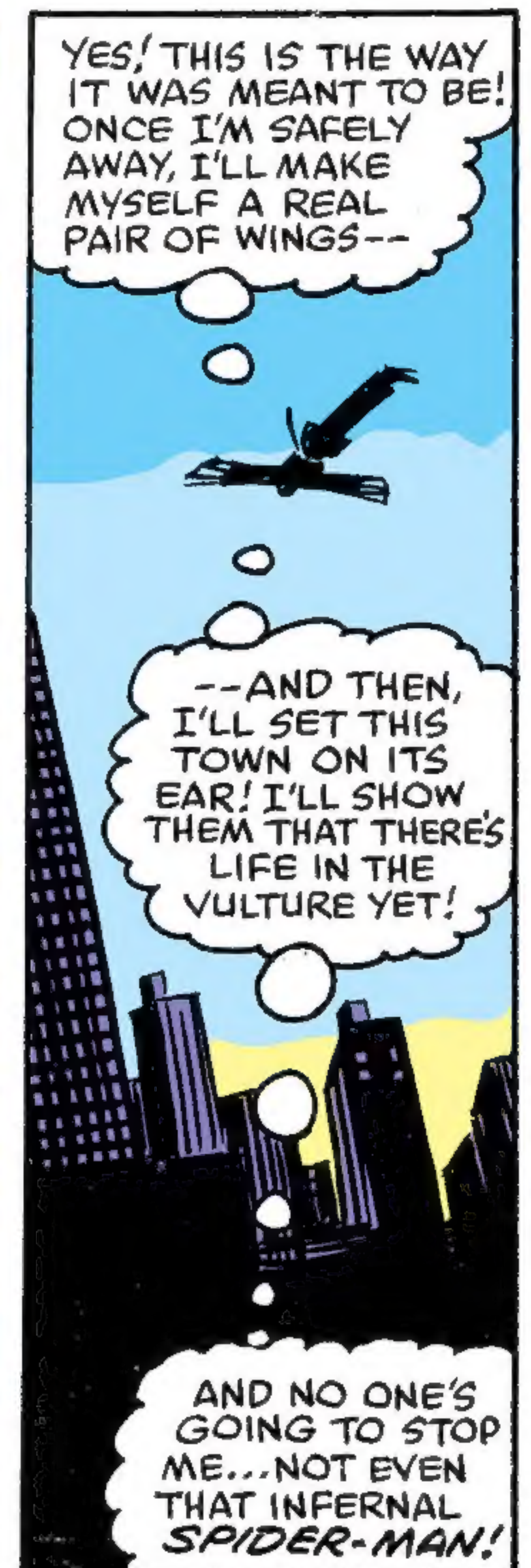
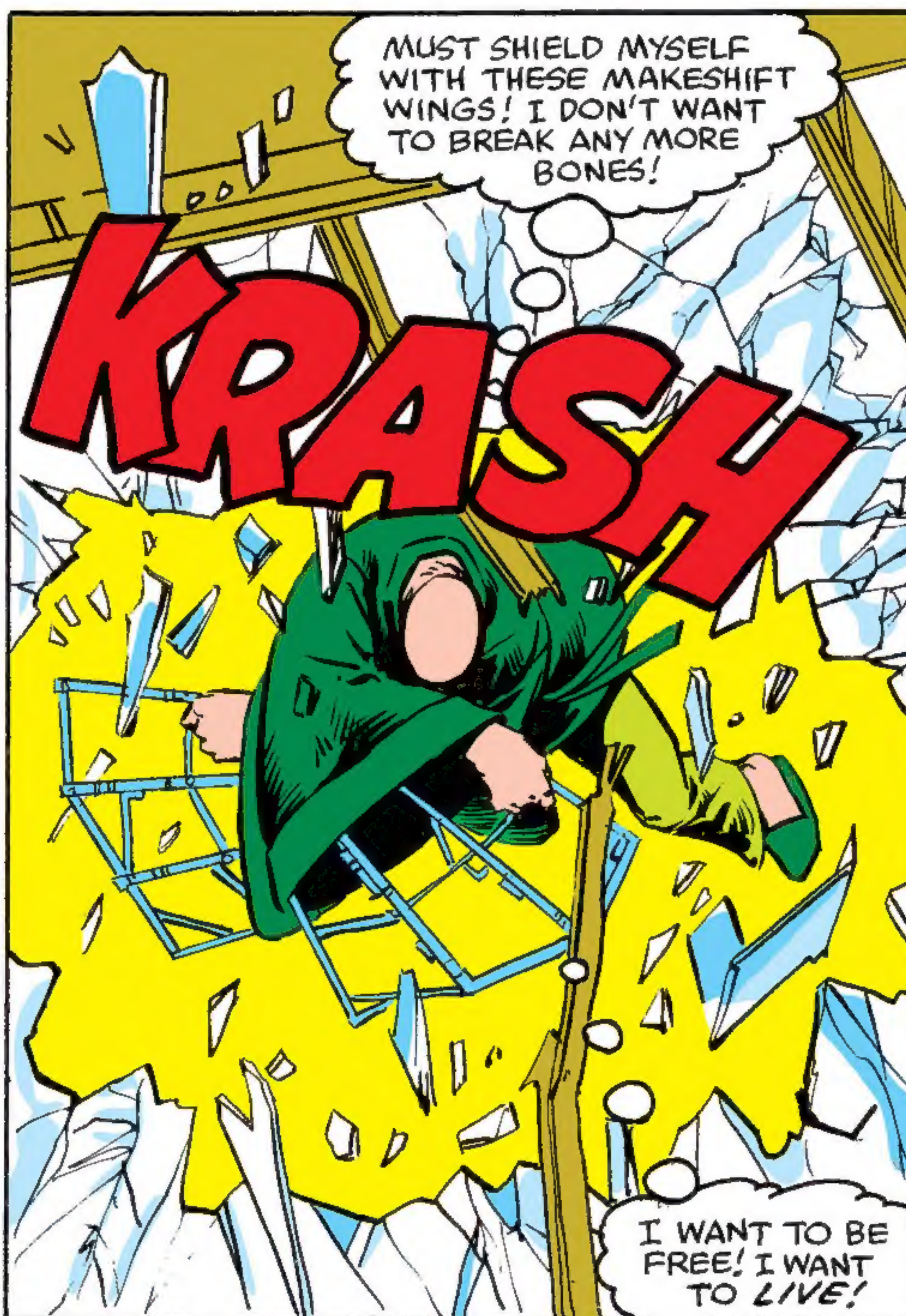
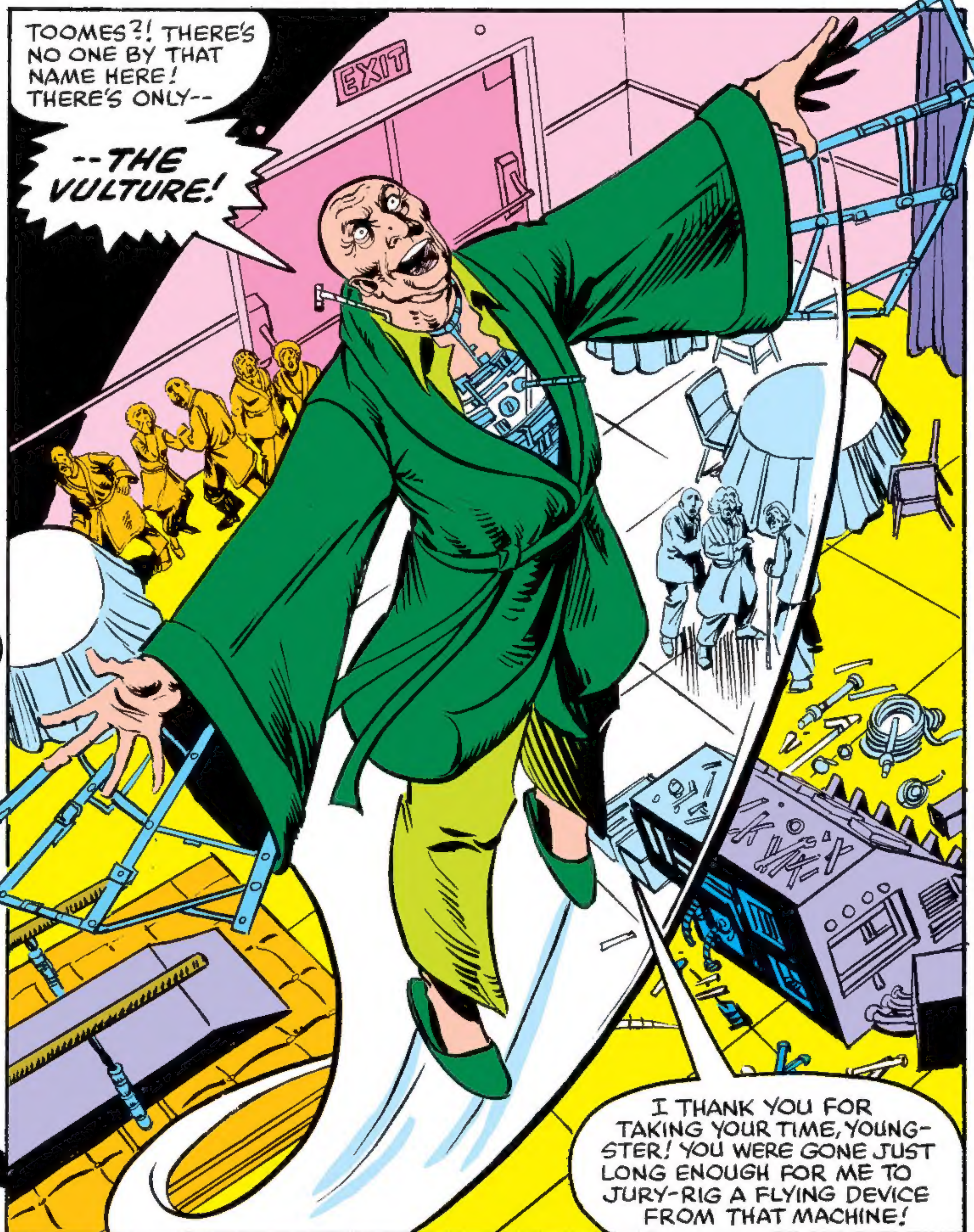








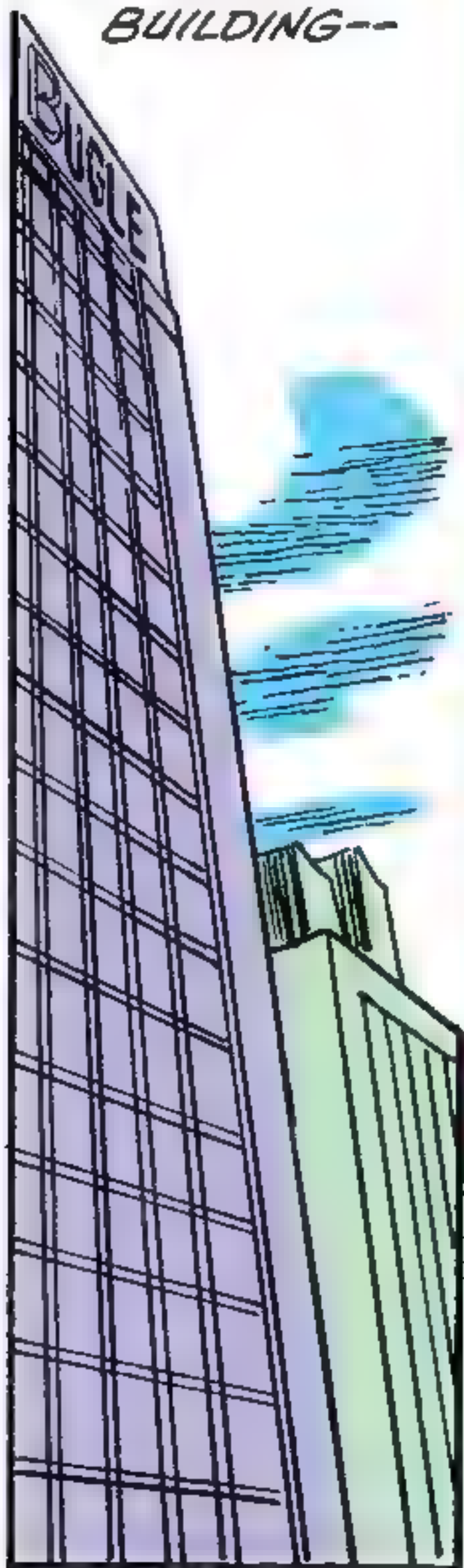






BUT, WHILE THE SEPTUAGENARIAN MASTER CRIMINAL SOARS ACROSS THE NEW YORK SKIES, HIS GREATEST NEMESIS HAS SWITCHED TO STREET CLOTHES AND MADE HIS WAY HERE...

...TO THE 17TH FLOOR OF THE DAILY BUGLE BUILDING--



--TO MAKE USE OF A WELL-STOCKED DARKROOM!



NOT BAD! THAT NEW LENS I BOUGHT HAS REALLY COME THROUGH FOR ME!

THESE ARE SOME OF THE BEST CRIME PHOTOS I'VE EVER TAKEN... SHARP AND CLEAR AS A BELL!

I CAN FEEL THE MONEY IN MY POCKET NOW!



BUT, IN THE NEXT INSTANT...

WHA--?! MY PICTURES... THEY'RE RUINED!

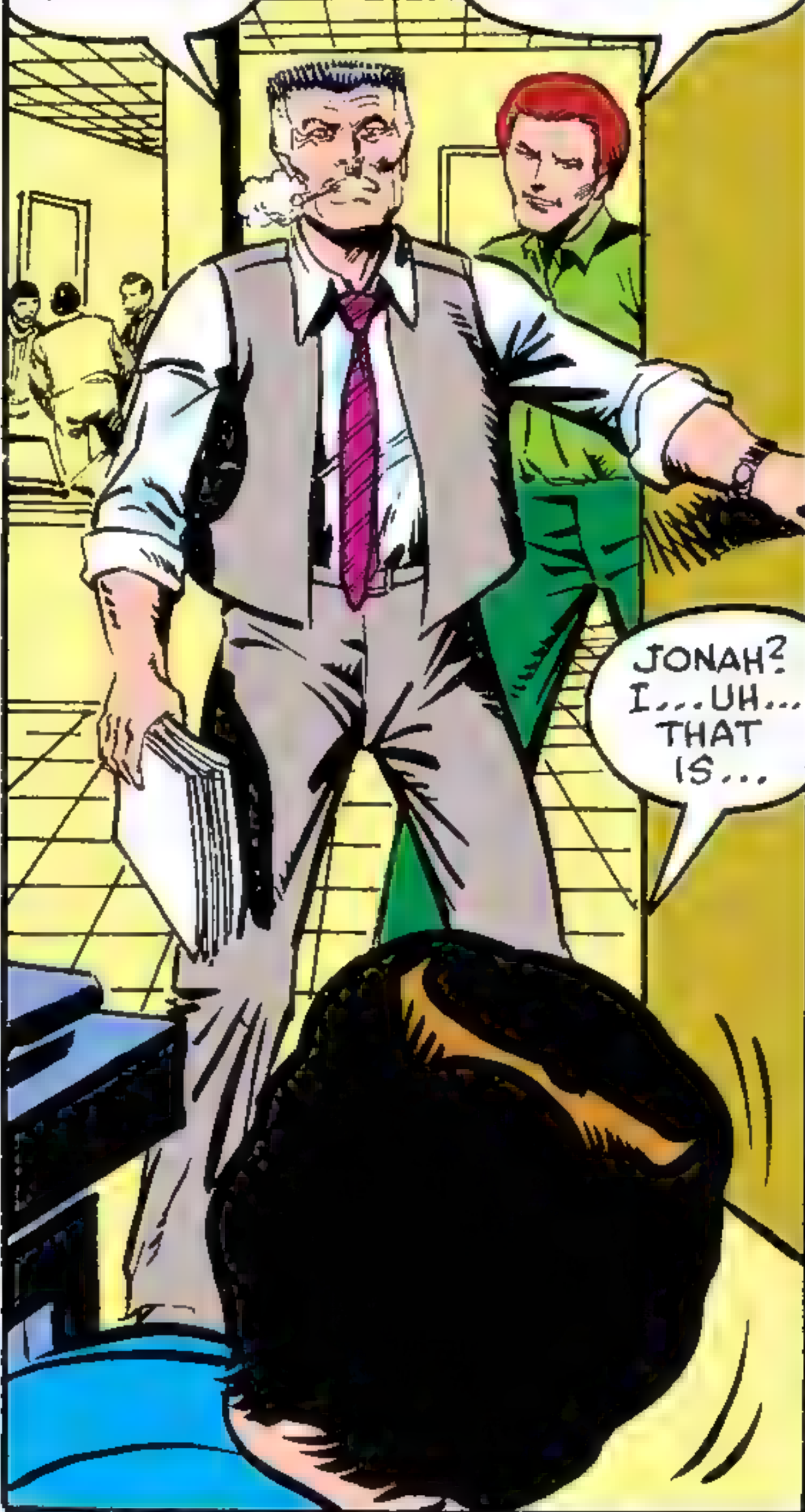
BLAST IT, WHAT IGNORAMUS OPENED THE DOOR?!



WOULD YOU CARE TO REPHRASE THAT QUESTION, PARKER? I'M NOT KEEN ON HAVING FREELANCE EMPLOYEES CALL ME BY NAMES LESS RESPECTFUL THAN "SIR"!

RIGHT, BANNON?

YES, SIR, MR. JAMESON!



JONAH? I... UH... THAT IS...

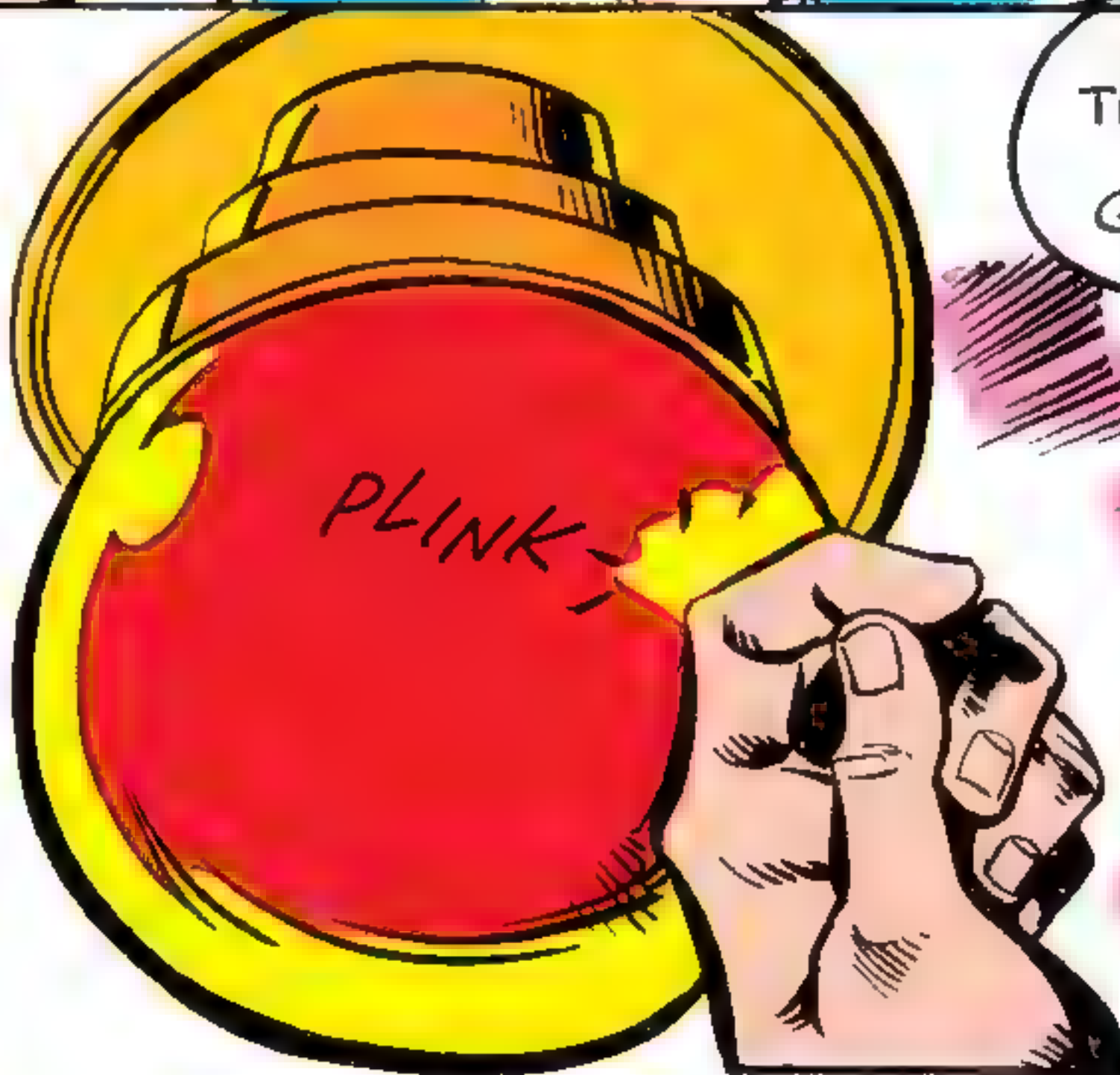
DARN IT! ISN'T IT STILL CUSTOMARY-- AT THIS NEWSPAPER-- TO KEEP THE DARKROOM DOOR SHUT WHEN THE WARNING LIGHT TELLS YOU THAT SOMEONE'S DEVELOPING PICTURES... SIR?

WARNING LIGHT? WHAT WARNING LIGHT, PARKER?



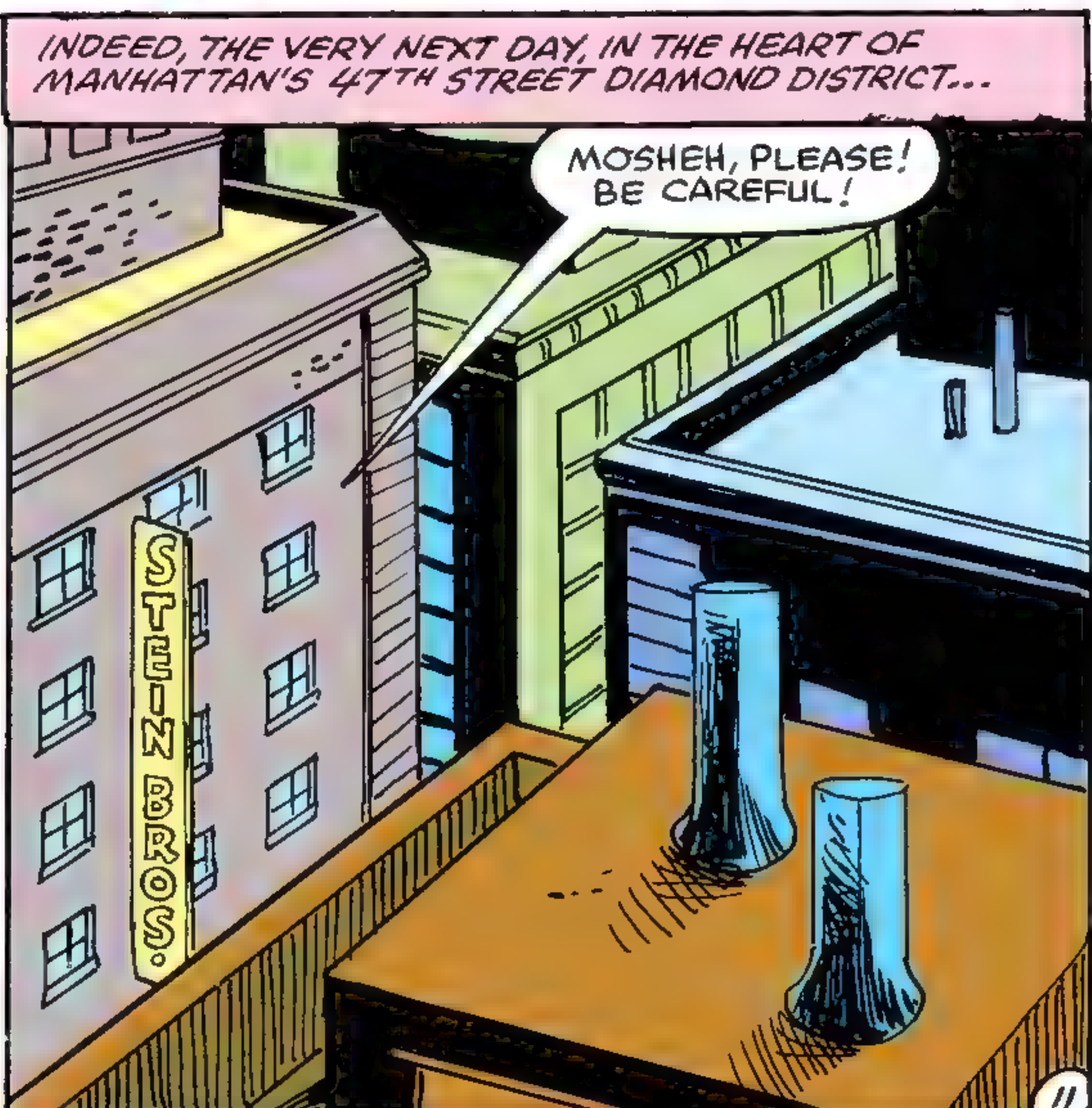
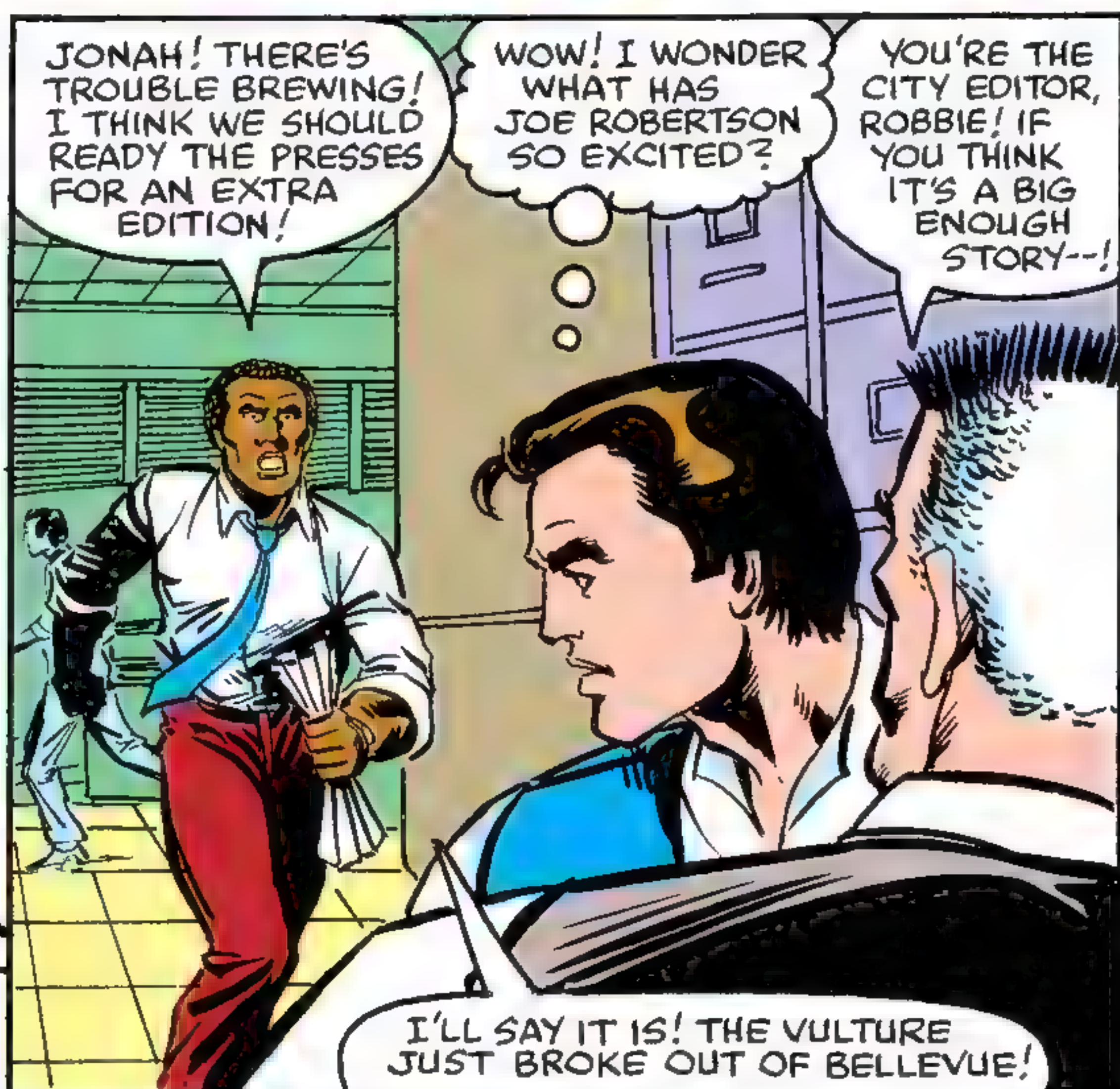
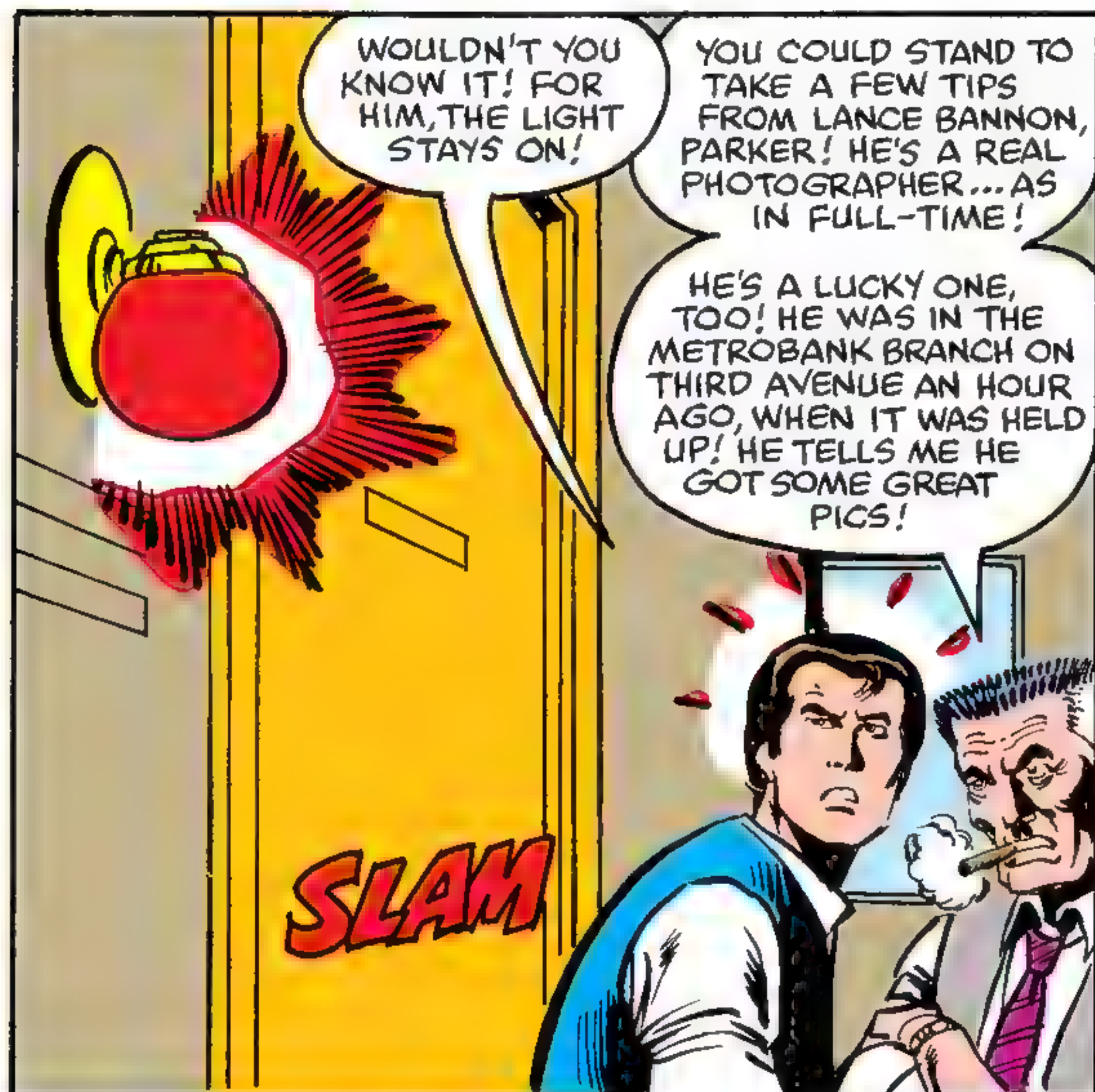
THE BOSS-MAN IS RIGHT, PETEY... IT'S NOT LIT, ARE YOU SURE YOU FLIPPED THE DOOR SWITCH?

WAIT... I BET I KNOW WHAT THE PROBLEM IS!

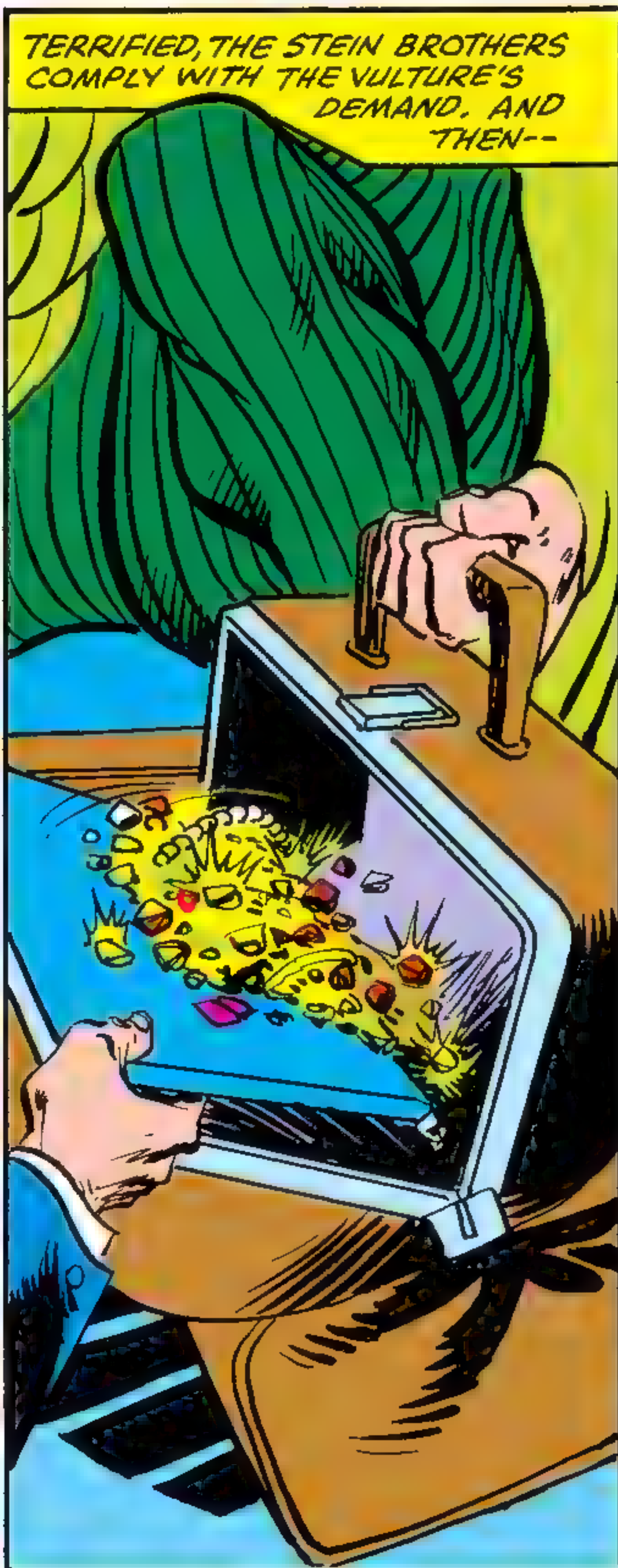
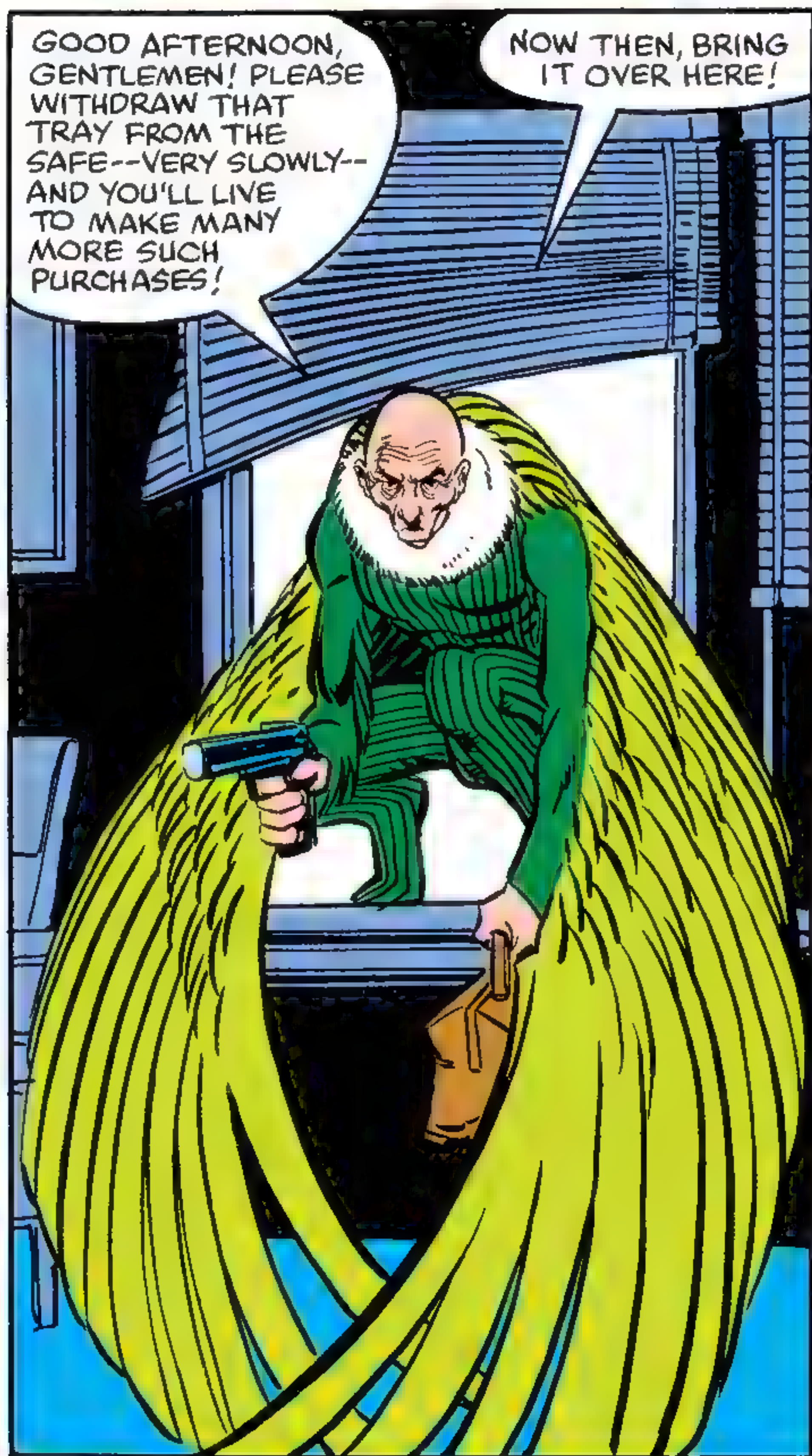
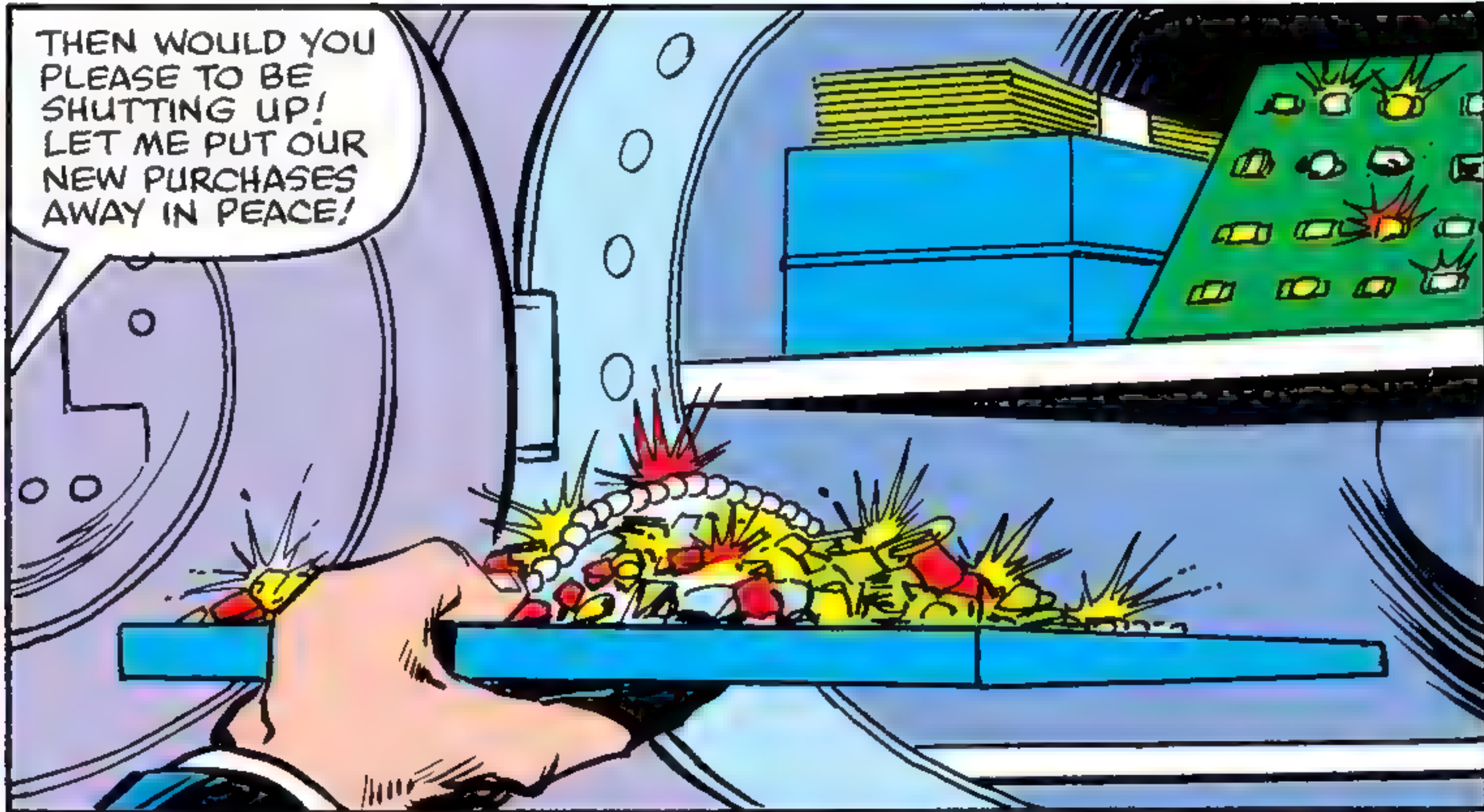
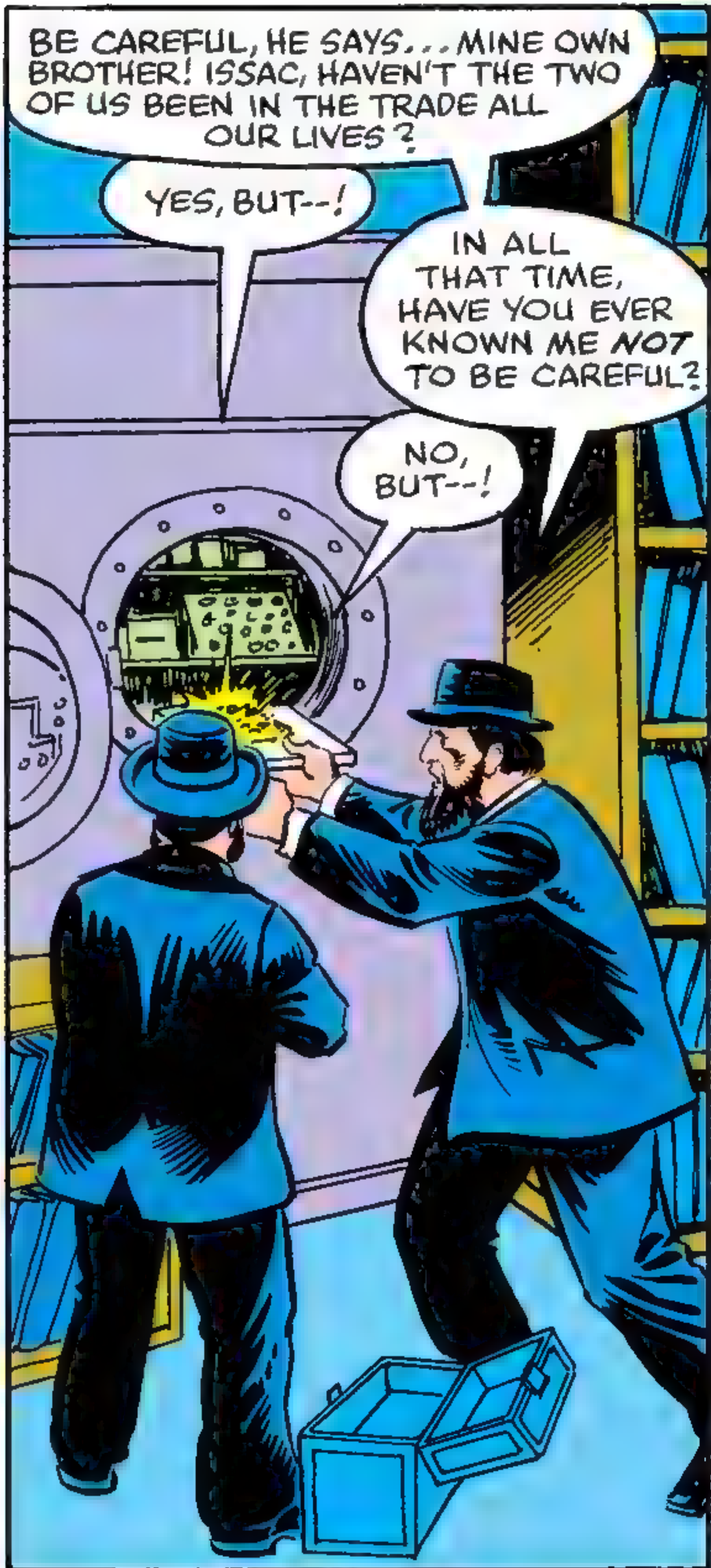


AH-HA! THERE'S A SHORT IN THE LIGHT! GEE, BAD BREAK, PETEY!







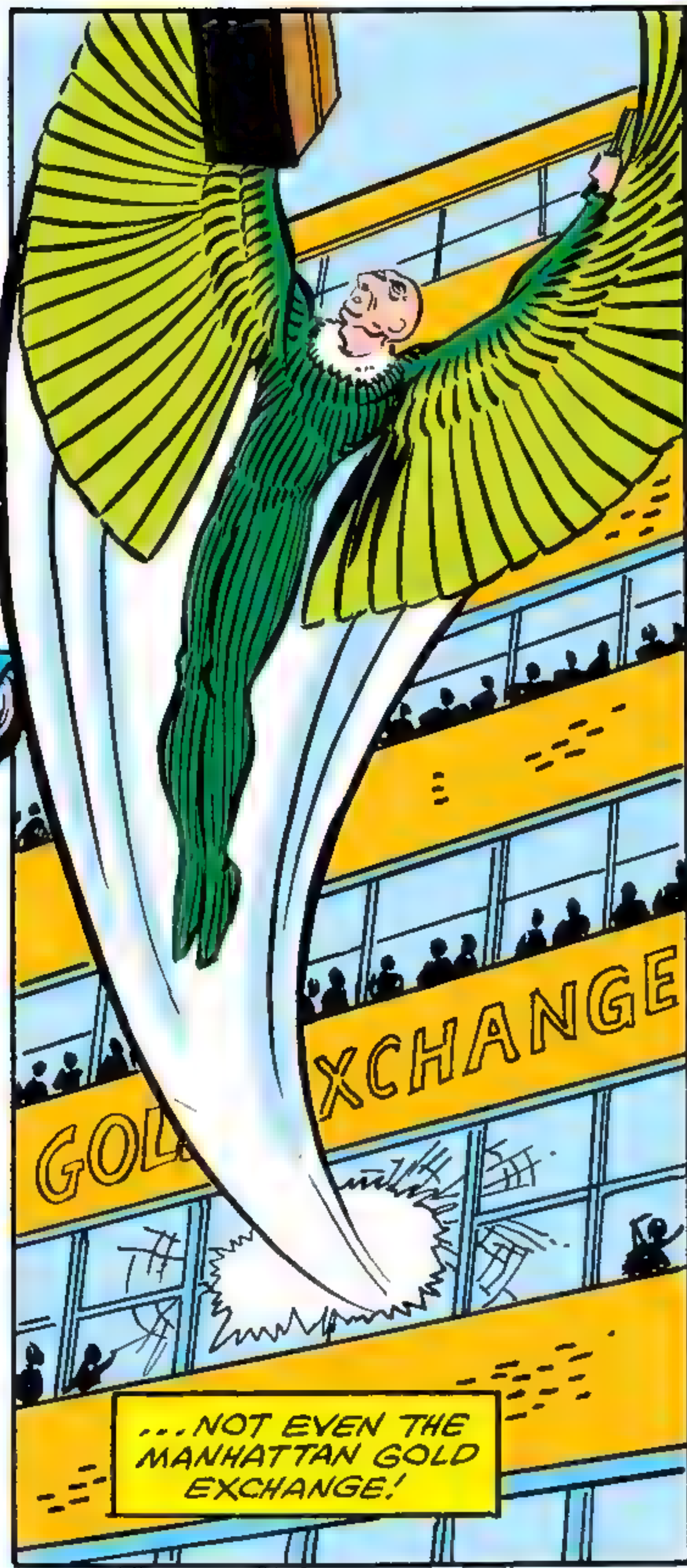
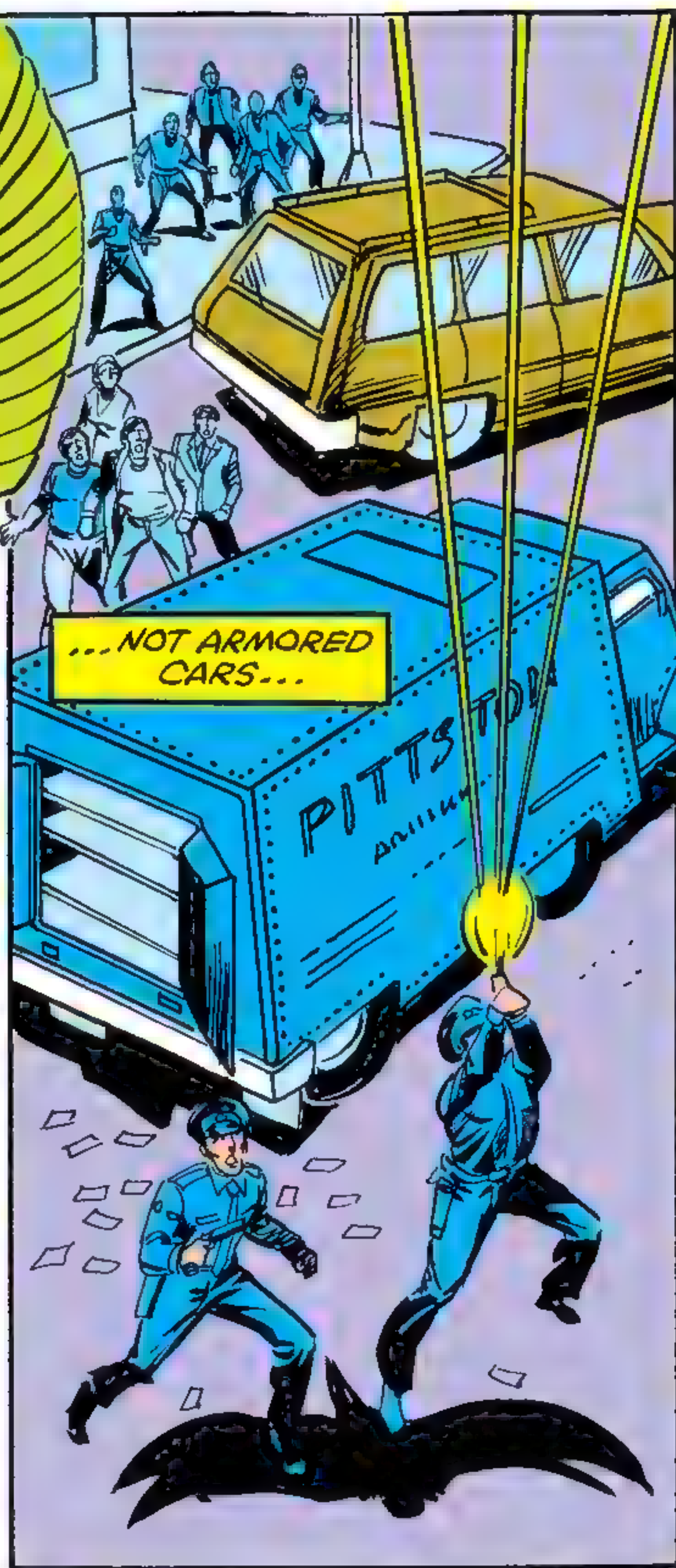
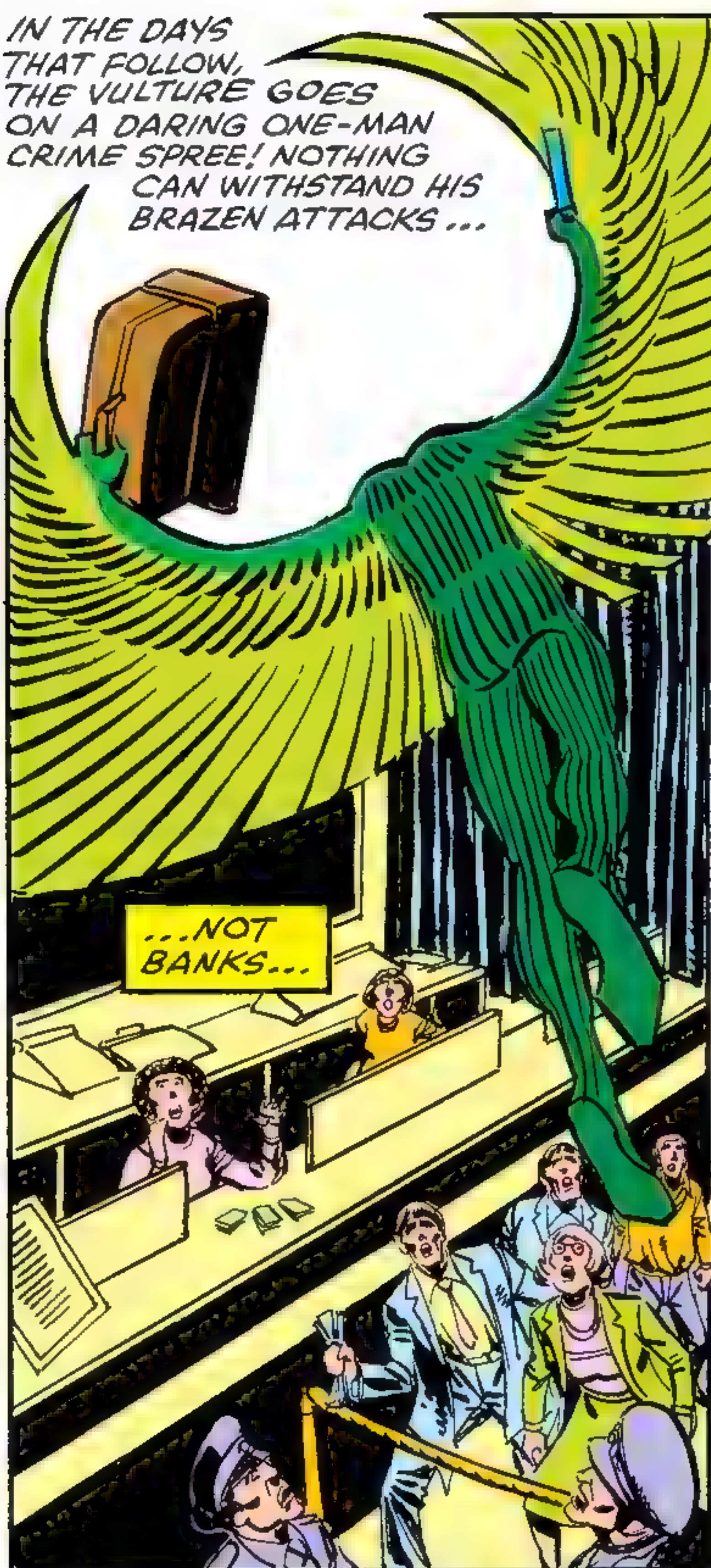


-- BEFORE EITHER OF THEM CAN SO MUCH AS BLINK, THE WINGED MAN IS GONE!





IN THE DAYS  
THAT FOLLOW,  
THE VULTURE GOES  
ON A DARING ONE-MAN  
CRIME SPREE! NOTHING  
CAN WITHSTAND HIS  
BRAZEN ATTACKS...



AND WHERE IS  
SPIDER-MAN  
DURING THIS  
REIGN OF  
TERROR?

BROTHER, I AM  
AT A LOSS!



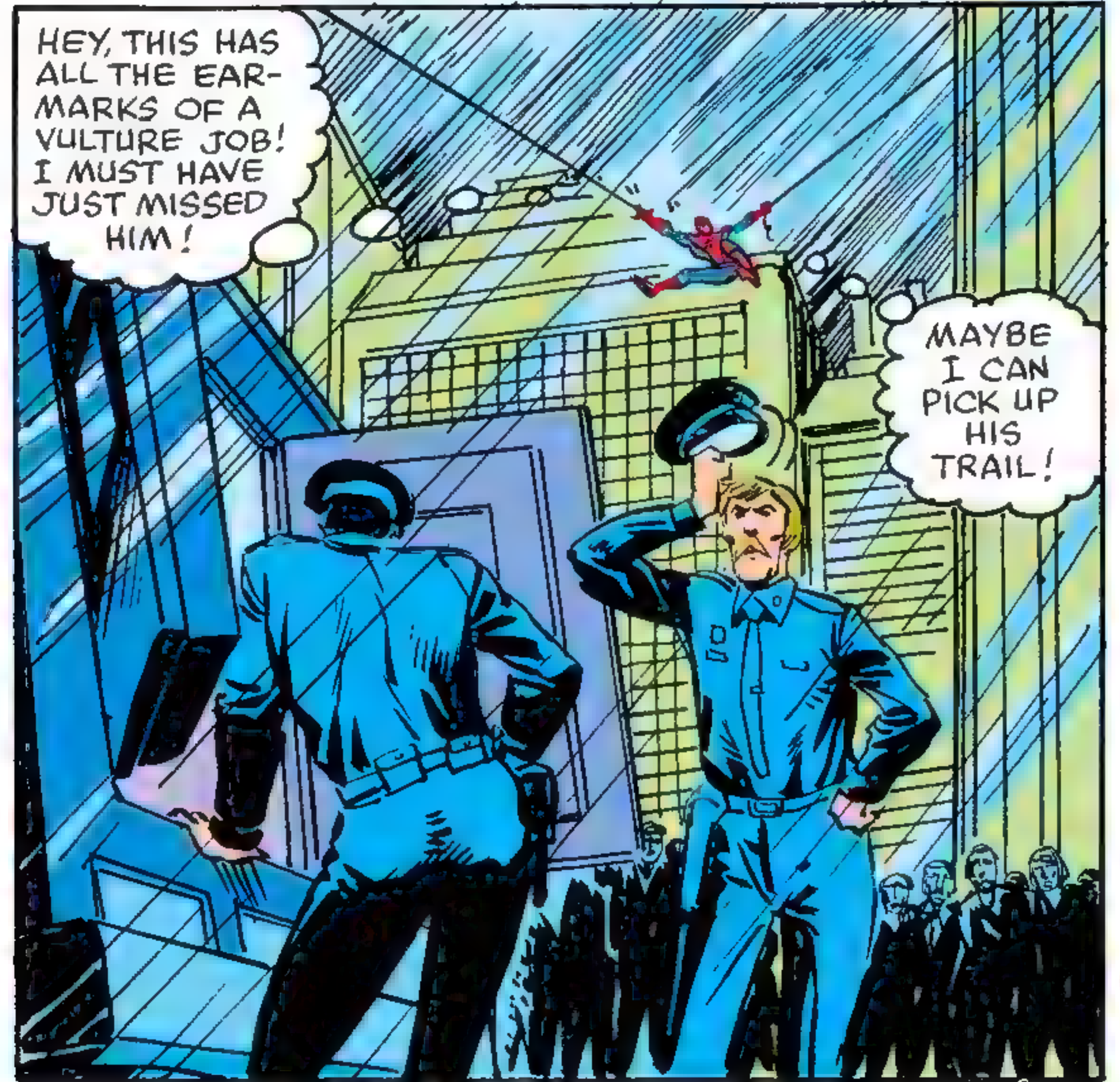
I WAS SURE THE VULTURE WOULD COME AFTER ME! OUR  
LAST LITTLE RUN-IN\*PUT HIM IN THE HOSPITAL... AND HE'S  
ALWAYS BEEN BIG ON REVENGE!

BUT HE ONLY SEEMS INTERESTED IN  
THEFT! HE'S BEEN STRIKING WHILE I'VE  
BEEN STUCK AT THE UNIVERSITY! THIS  
IS THE FIRST CHANCE I'VE HAD TO LOOK  
FOR HIM... AND IT'S RAINING!

\*SEE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #45!

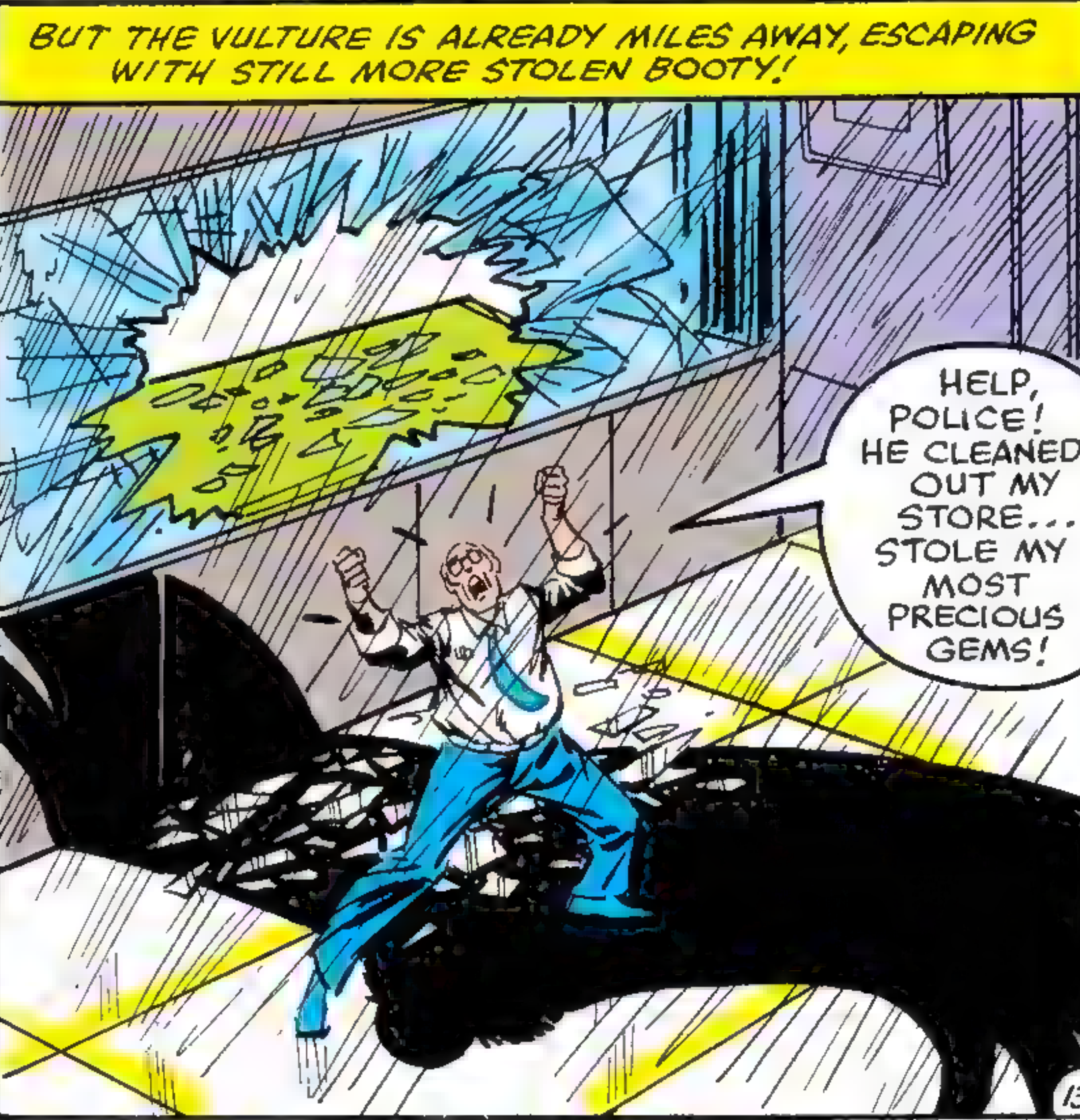
HEY, THIS HAS  
ALL THE EAR-  
MARKS OF A  
VULTURE JOB!  
I MUST HAVE  
JUST MISSED  
HIM!

MAYBE  
I CAN  
PICK UP  
HIS  
TRAIL!



BUT THE VULTURE IS ALREADY MILES AWAY, ESCAPING  
WITH STILL MORE STOLEN BOOTY!

HELP,  
POLICE!  
HE CLEANED  
OUT MY  
STORE...  
STOLE MY  
MOST  
PRECIOUS  
GEMS!



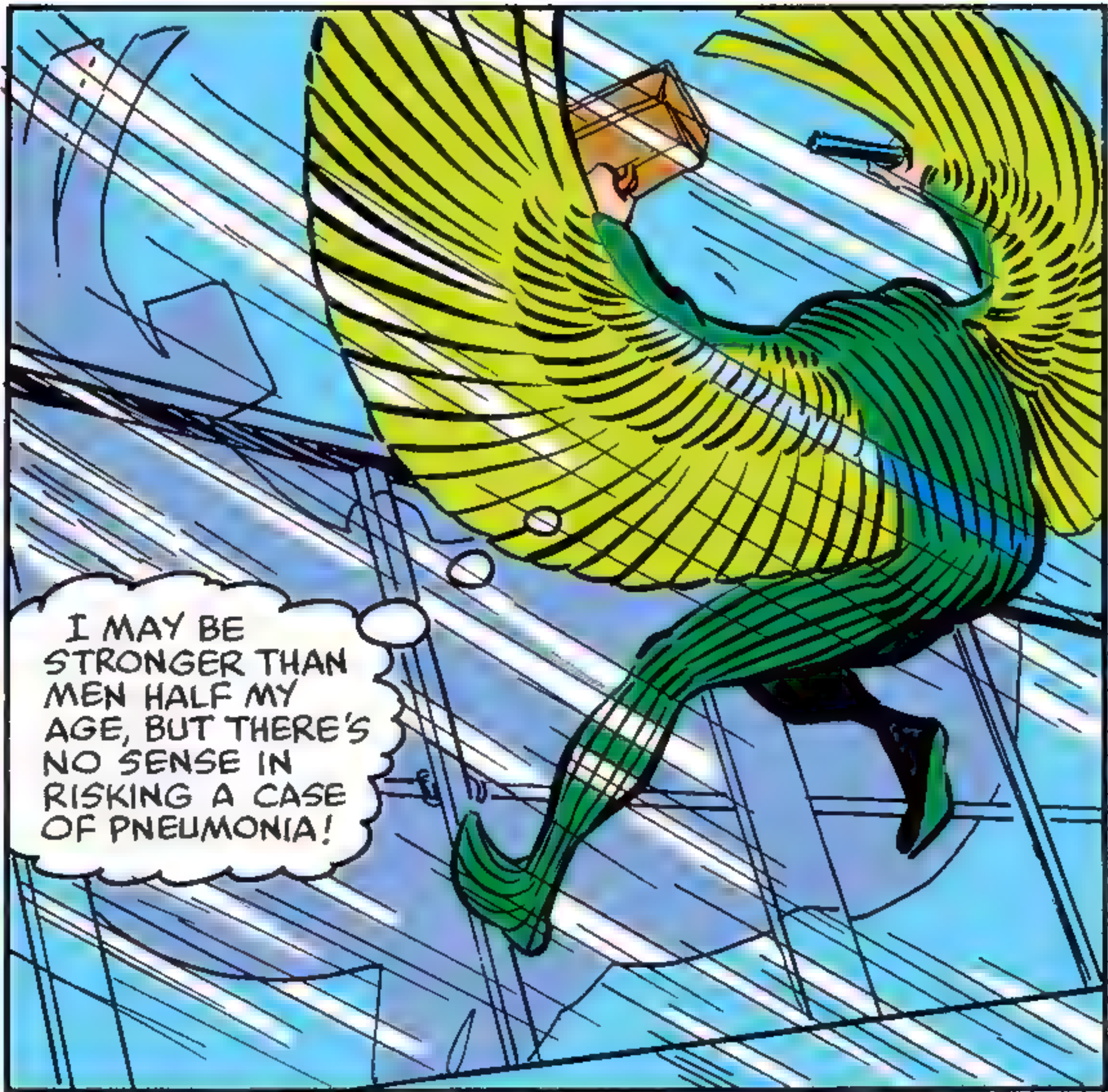




BAH! THAT SHOP WAS HARDLY WORTH ROBBING! I DOUBT THAT I GROSSED MORE THAN 50 GRAND!

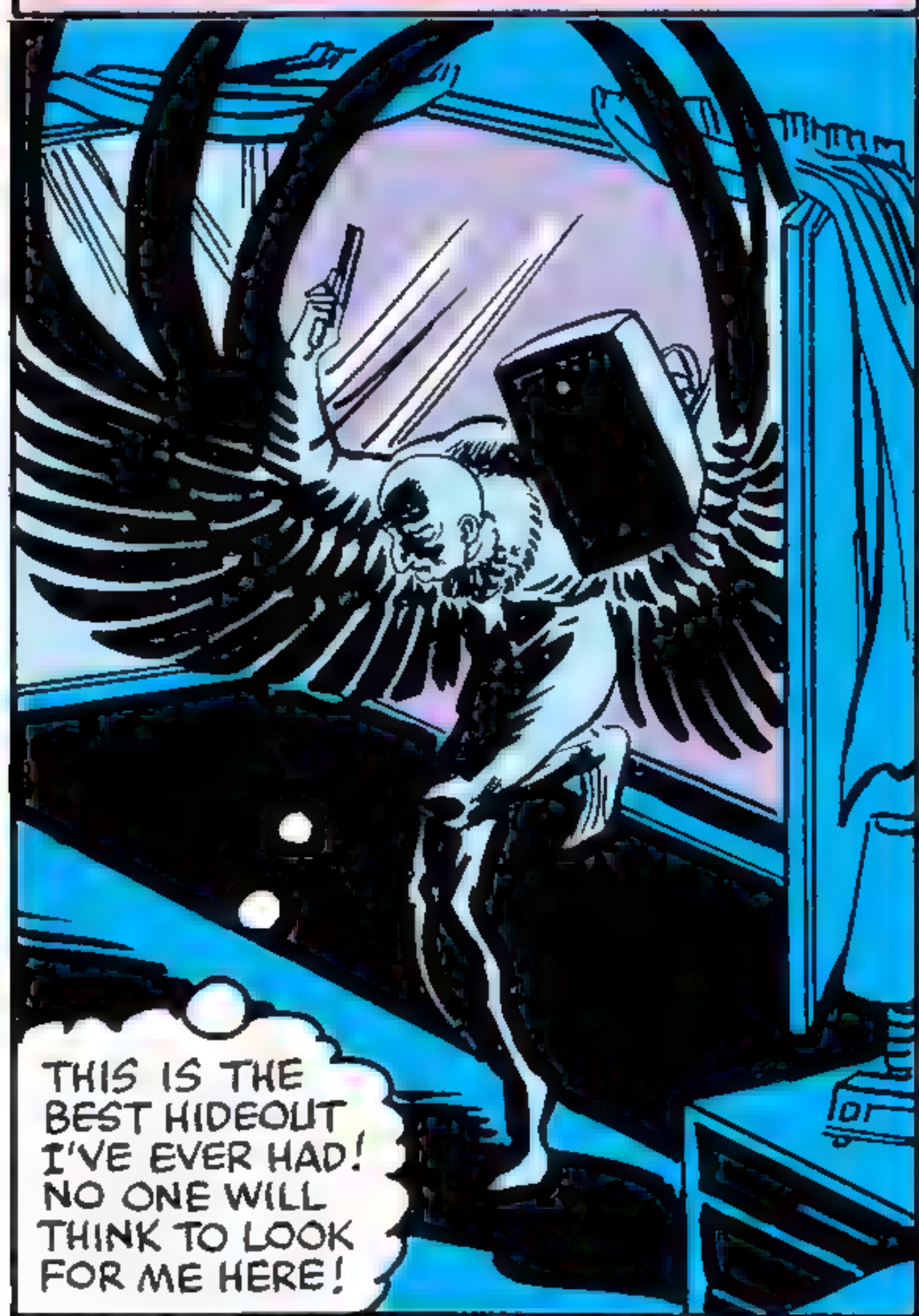
PICKINGS ARE STARTING TO GET SLIM. MAYBE I SHOULD MOVE TO ANOTHER TOWN.

HMMPH! RAIN IS GETTING HEAVY. I MIGHT AS WELL CALL IT A DAY.



I MAY BE STRONGER THAN MEN HALF MY AGE, BUT THERE'S NO SENSE IN RISKING A CASE OF PNEUMONIA!

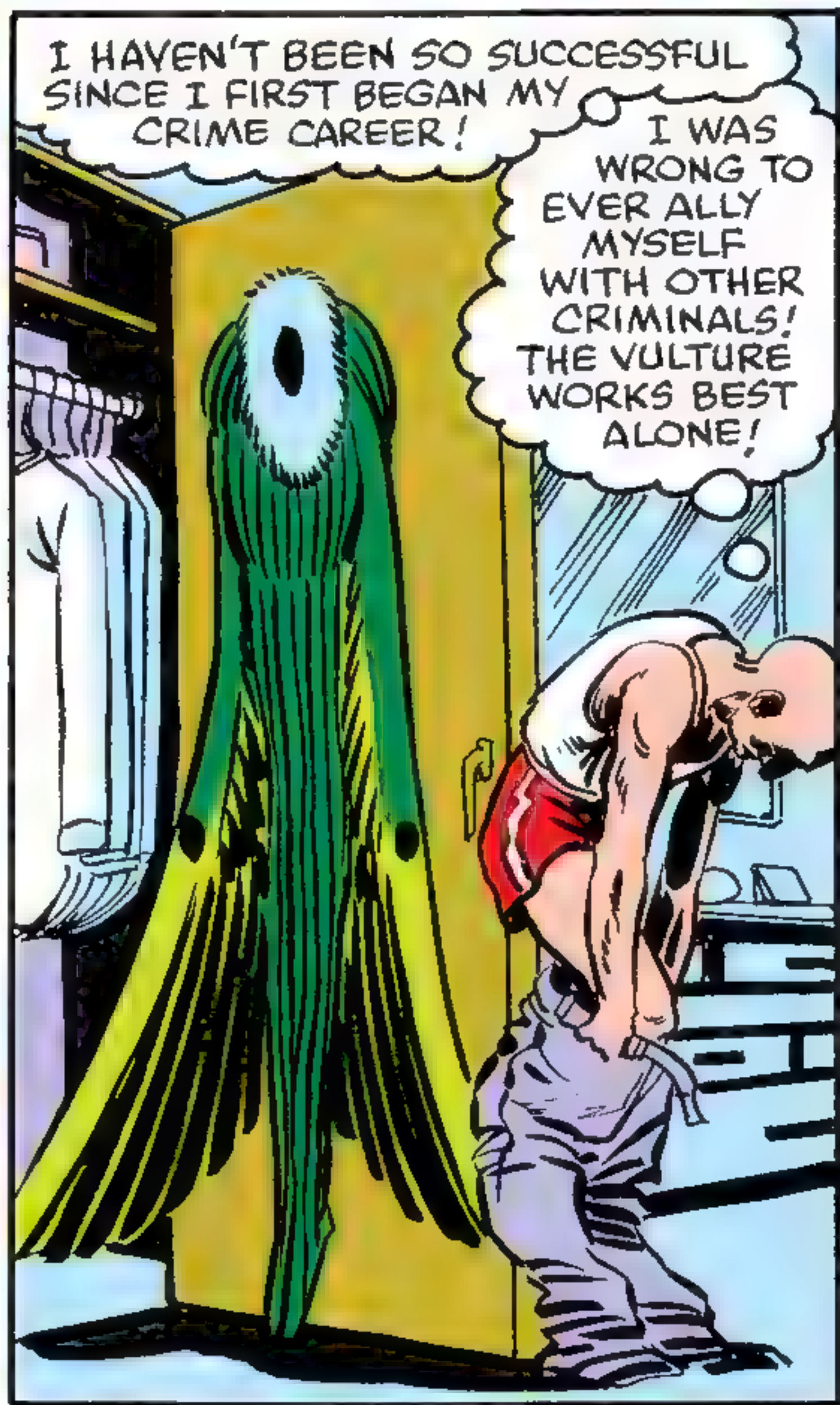
GENTLY KICKING THE WINDOWS OPEN, THE WINGED FELON LIGHTLY TOUCHES DOWN IN A MODESTLY FURNISHED ROOM!



THIS IS THE BEST HIDEOUT I'VE EVER HAD! NO ONE WILL THINK TO LOOK FOR ME HERE!

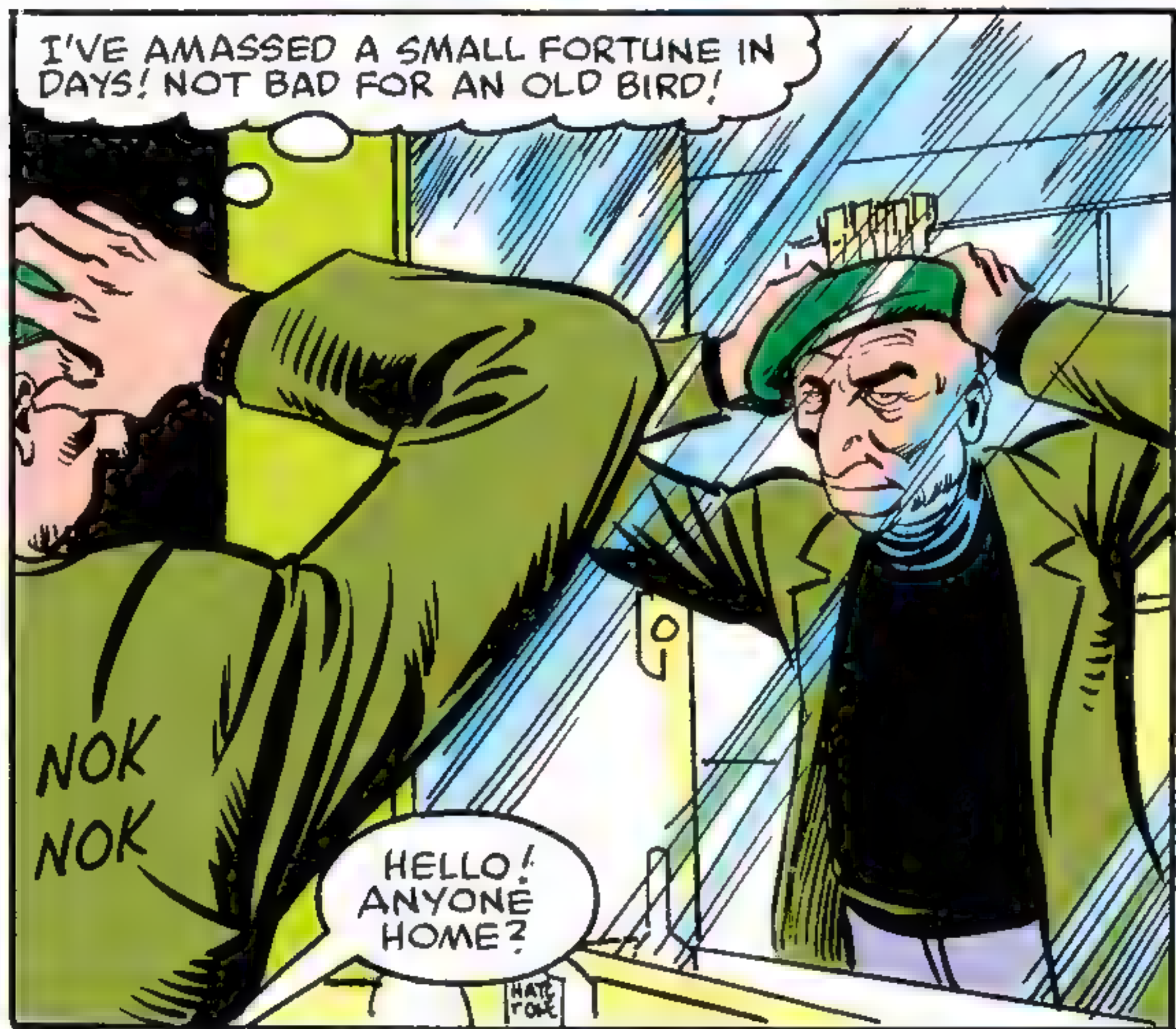


I'LL SOON HAVE ANOTHER TRUNK-LOAD OF LOOT TO MOVE DOWN TO THE STORAGE ROOM...



I HAVEN'T BEEN SO SUCCESSFUL SINCE I FIRST BEGAN MY CRIME CAREER!

I WAS WRONG TO EVER ALLY MYSELF WITH OTHER CRIMINALS! THE VULTURE WORKS BEST ALONE!



I'VE AMASSED A SMALL FORTUNE IN DAYS! NOT BAD FOR AN OLD BIRD!

HELLO! ANYONE HOME?

NOK  
NOK



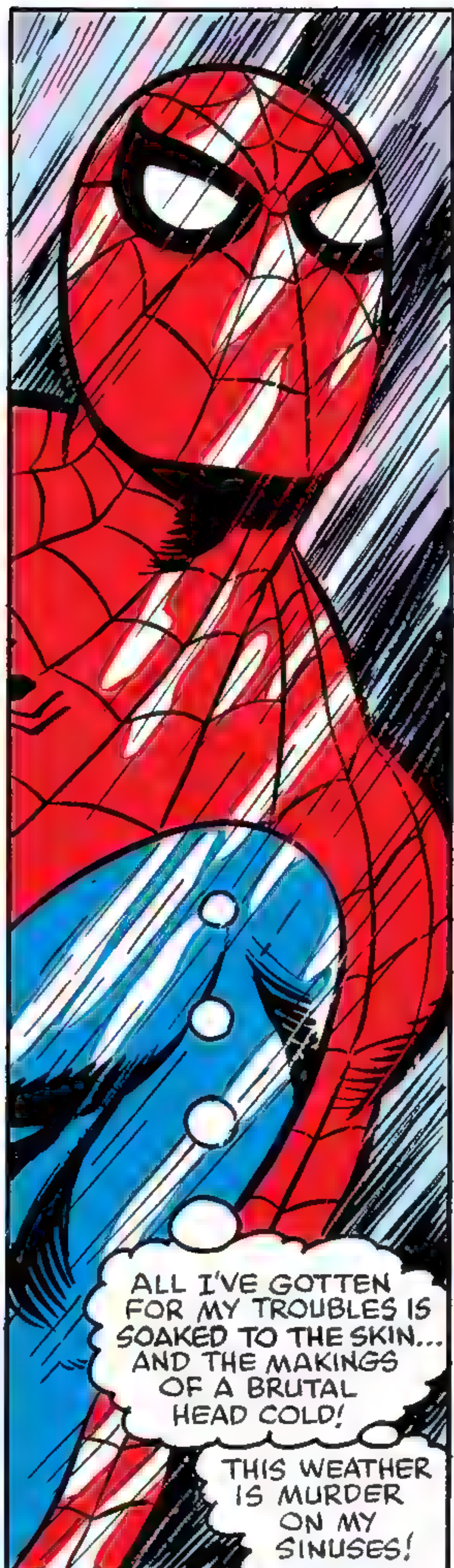
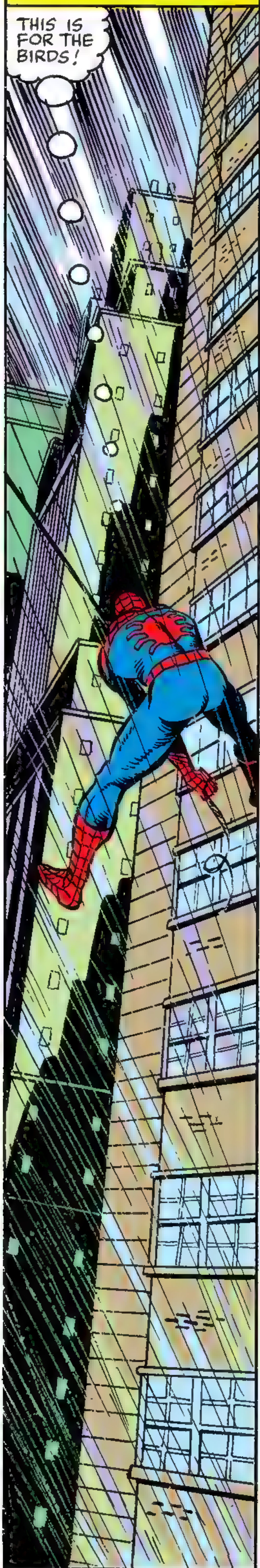
AH, I THOUGHT I HEARD YOU KICKIN' AROUND IN HERE! YOU READY TO GO?

I AM INDEED, MY FRIEND! I'M QUITE EAGER TO LEARN THIS LITTLE GAME OF YOURS!



MEANWHILE, IN THE MIDDLE OF A FRUITLESS SEARCH, A VERY SOGGY SPIDER-MAN IS COMING TO A CONCLUSION...

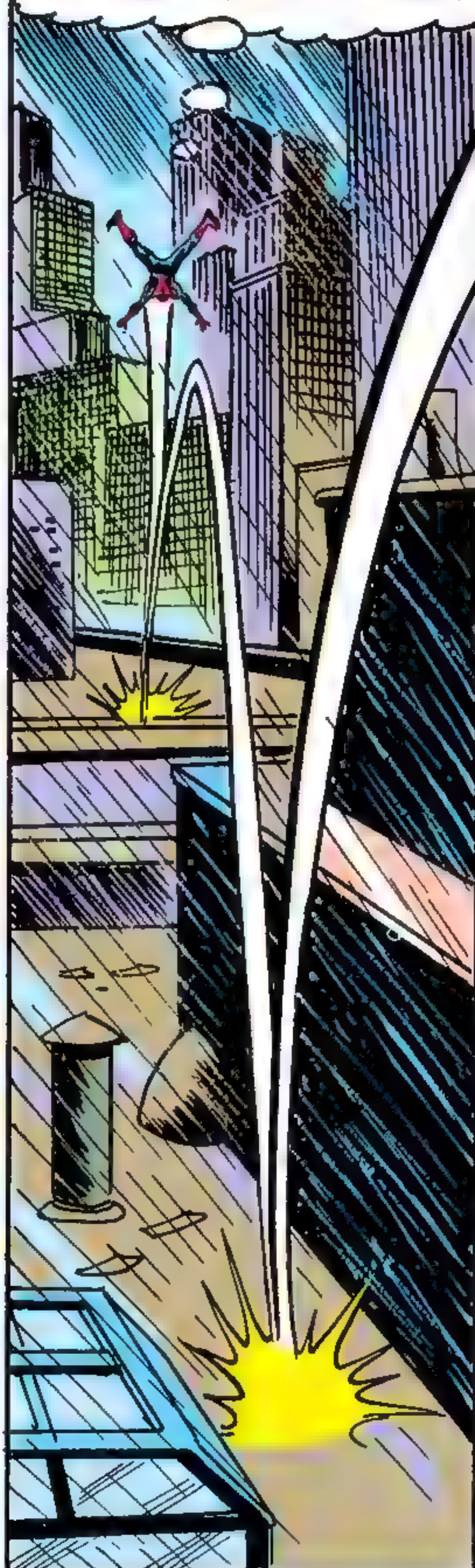
THIS IS FOR THE BIRDS!



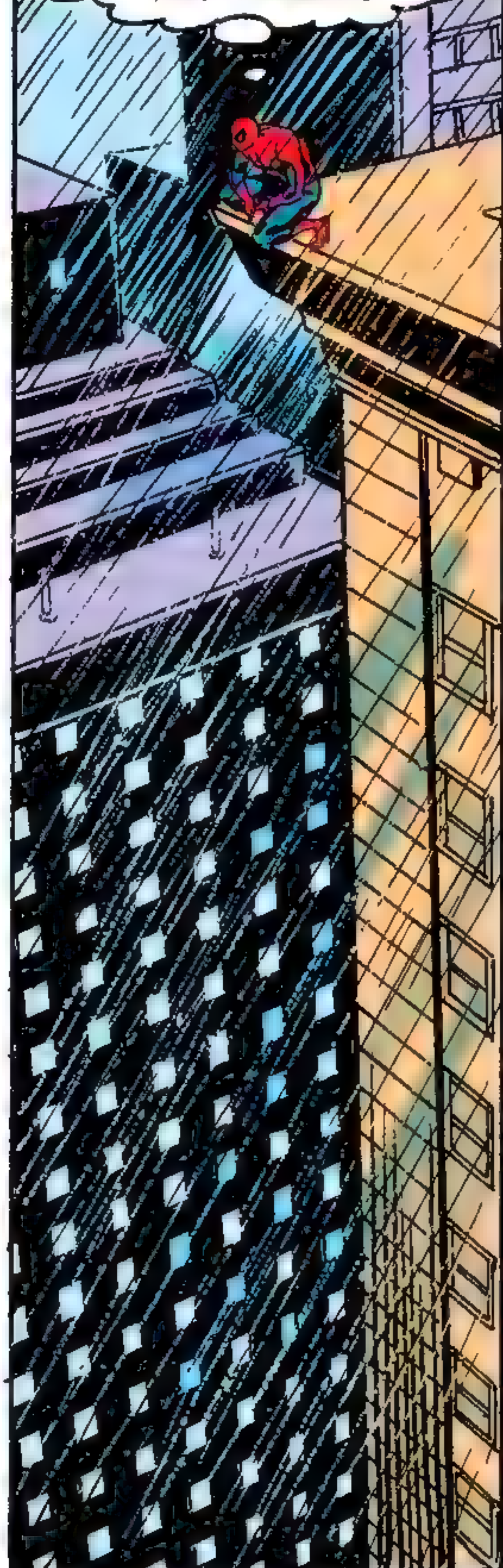
ALL I'VE GOTTEN FOR MY TROUBLES IS SOAKED TO THE SKIN... AND THE MAKINGS OF A BRUTAL HEAD COLD!

THIS WEATHER IS MURDER ON MY SINUSES!

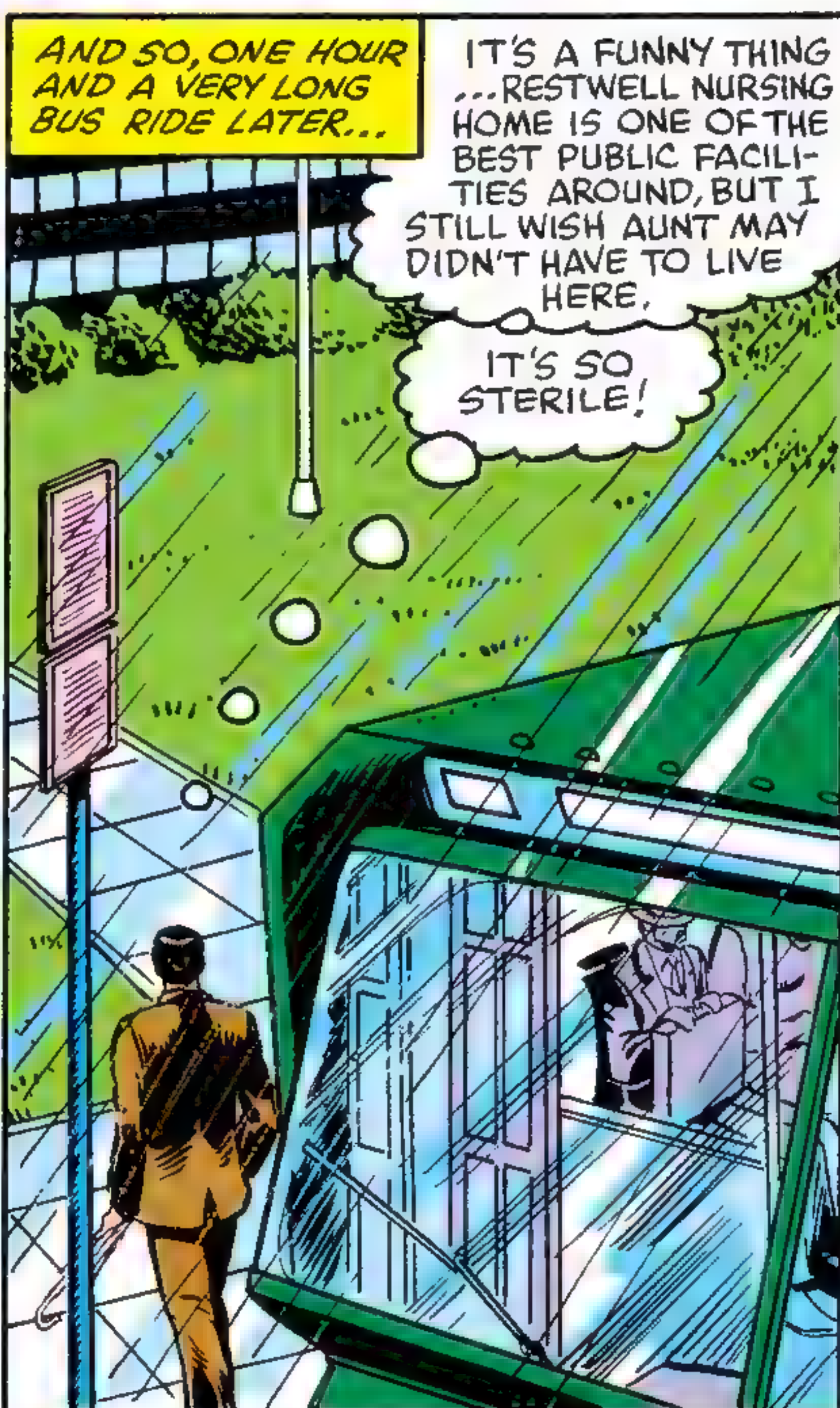
I'VE BEEN BOPPING BACK AND FORTH ACROSS MIDTOWN FOR HOURS, AND I HAVEN'T SEEN SO MUCH AS A PIGEON... TO SAY NOTHING OF THE VULTURE!



I MIGHT AS WELL GIVE UP THE SEARCH FOR NOW, AND HEAD HOME. I HAVE JUST ENOUGH TIME FOR A NICE HOT SHOWER, BEFORE I PICK UP AUNT MAY AND NATHAN FOR DINNER!



AND SO, ONE HOUR AND A VERY LONG BUS RIDE LATER...



IT'S A FUNNY THING... RESTWELL NURSING HOME IS ONE OF THE BEST PUBLIC FACILITIES AROUND, BUT I STILL WISH AUNT MAY DIDN'T HAVE TO LIVE HERE.

IT'S SO STERILE!

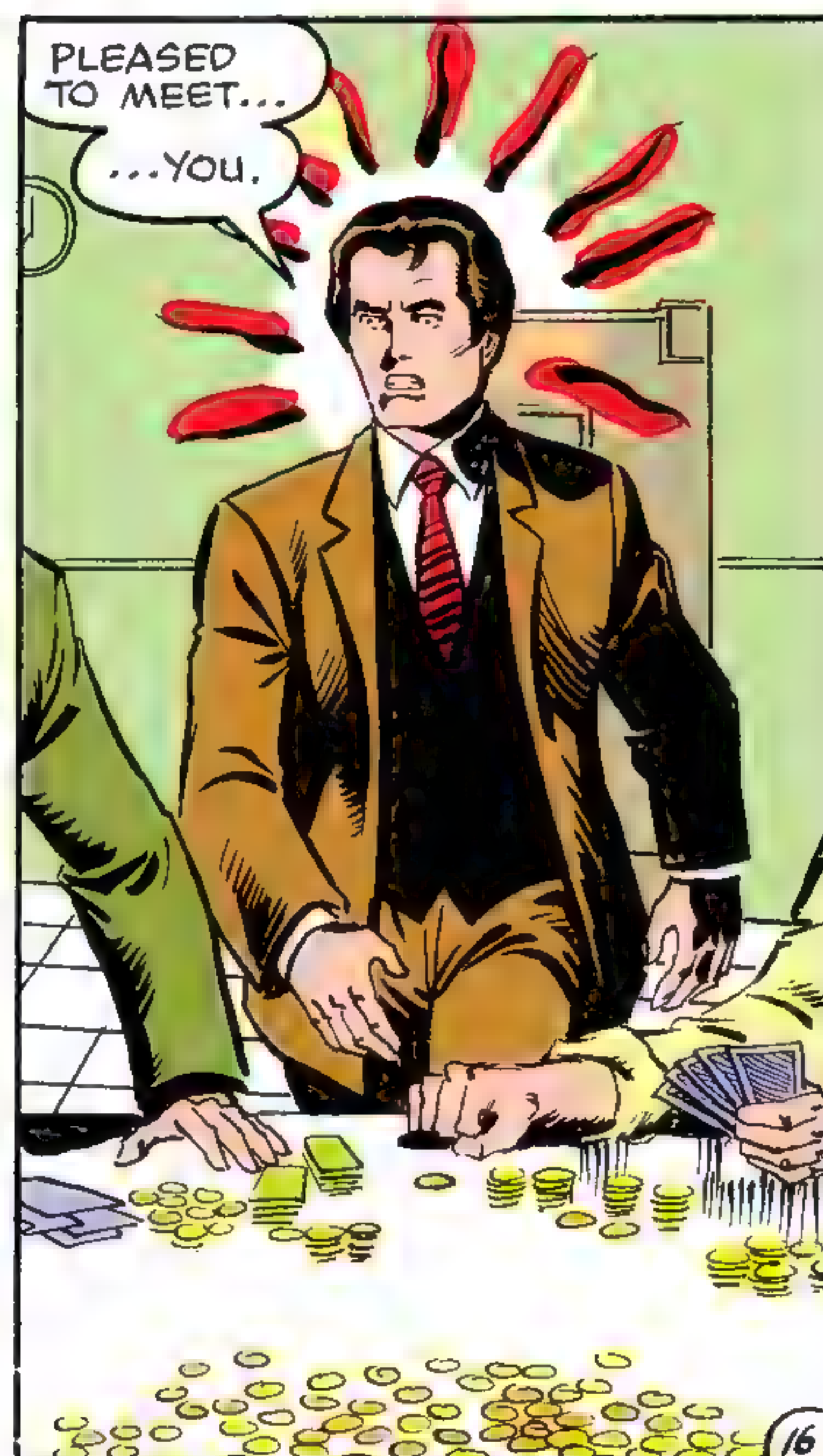
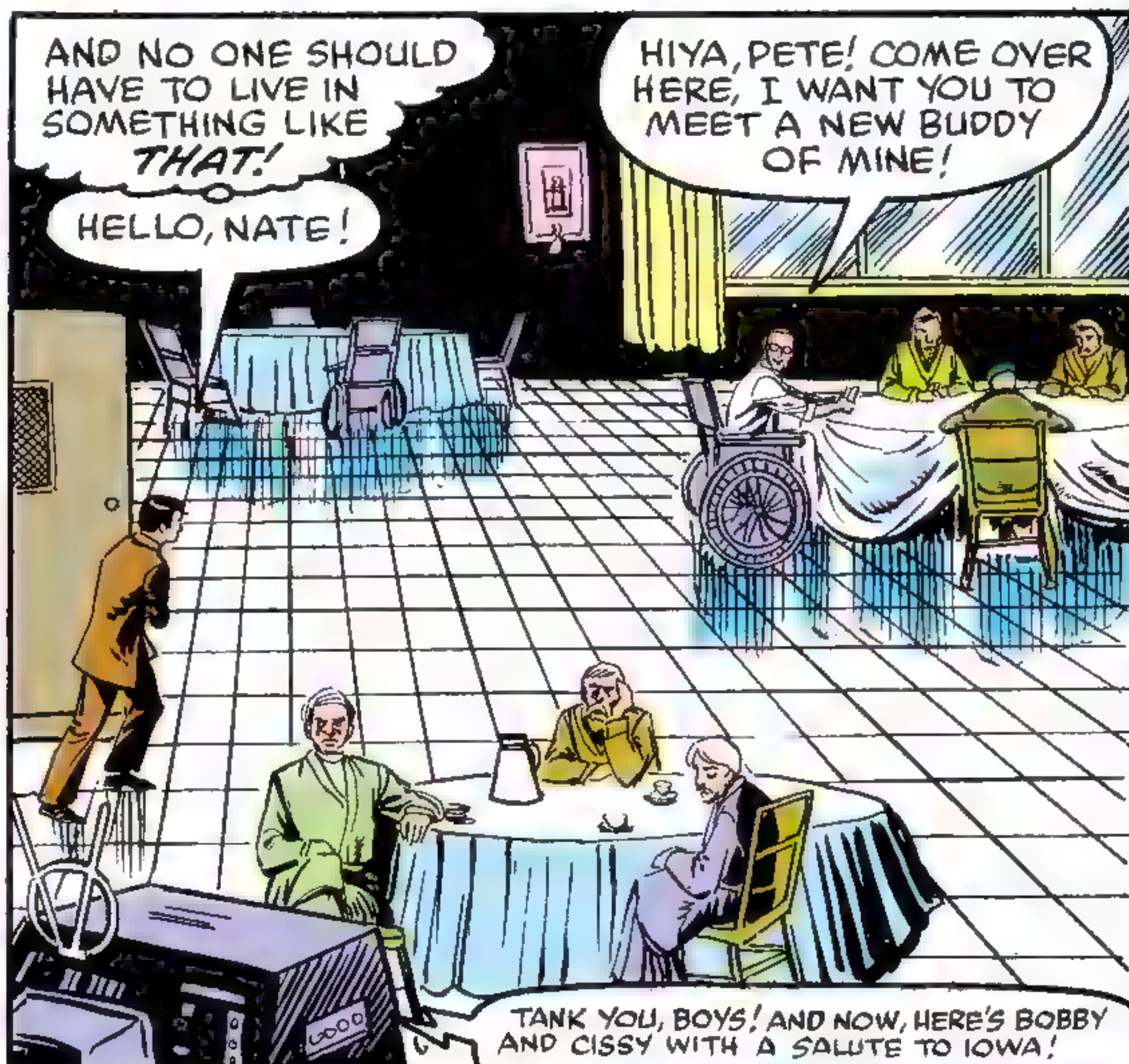
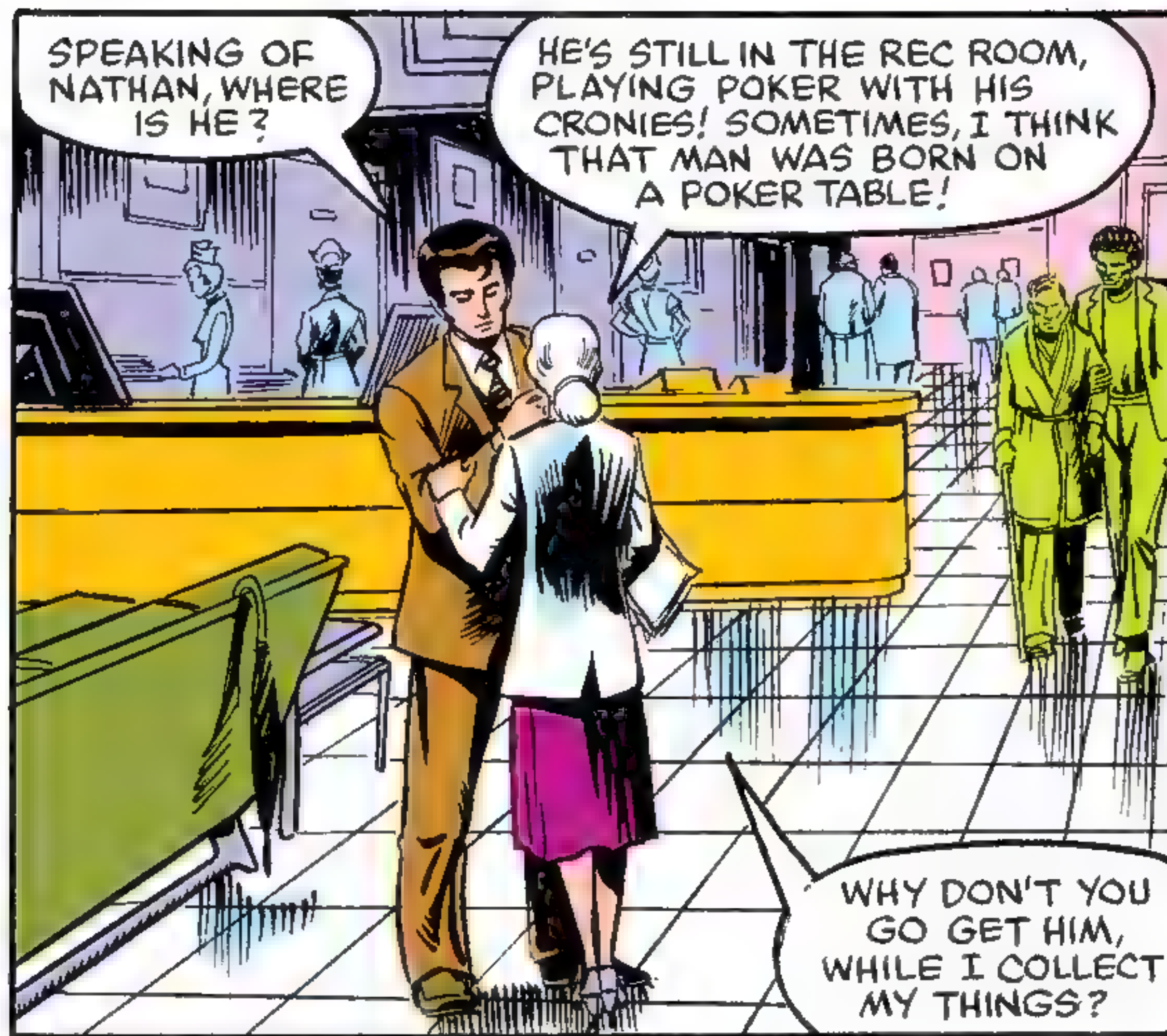
BUT IT DOES NO GOOD TO WORRY. I CAN'T AFFORD ANY BETTER FOR HER... AND SHE DOES SEEM HAPPY HERE.



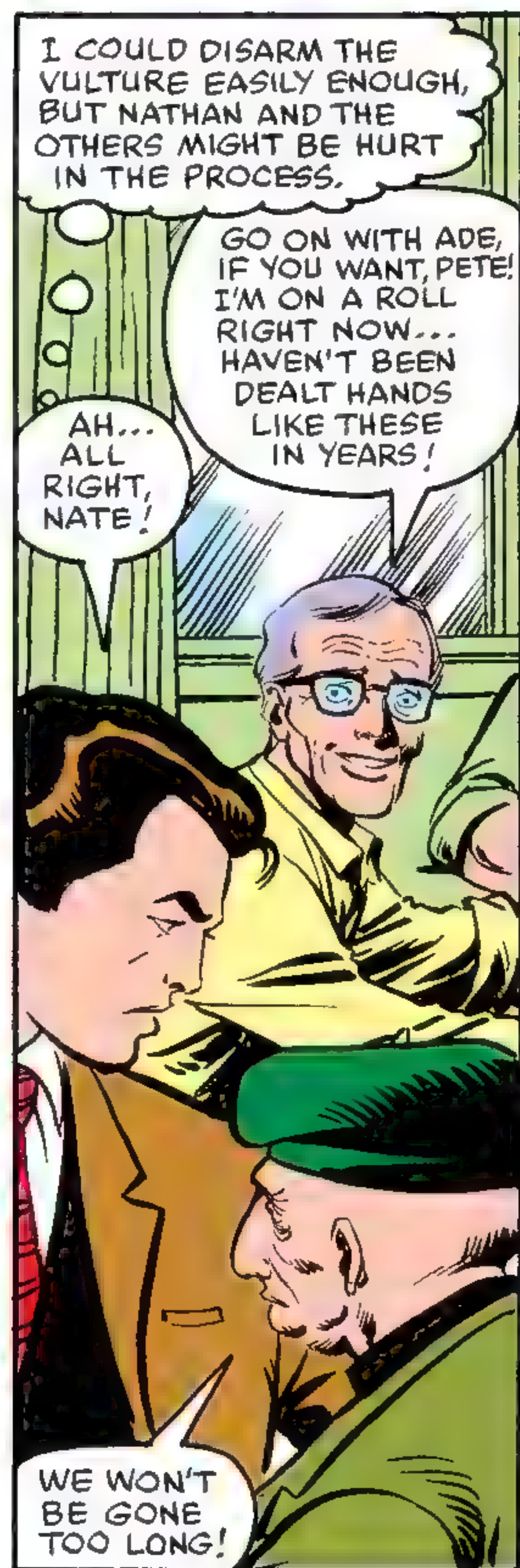
EXCUSE ME, MISS... ARE YOU ONE OF THE FINALISTS IN THE MISS UNIVERSE PAGEANT... OR LAST YEAR'S WINNER?

EH?

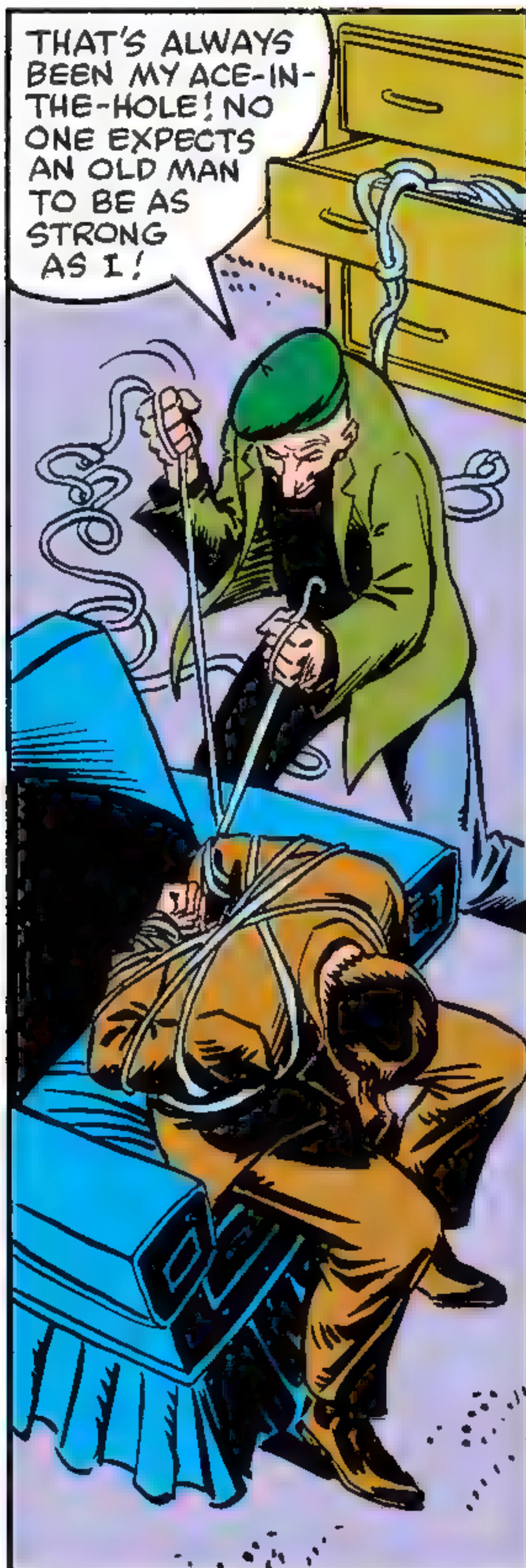












THAT'S ALWAYS BEEN MY ACE-IN-THE-HOLE! NO ONE EXPECTS AN OLD MAN TO BE AS STRONG AS I!



I'M NO ORDINARY MAN! THEY ALMOST MADE ME FORGET THAT IN THE HOSPITAL! BUT NATHAN SNAPPED ME BACK TO NORMAL!

AND HERE AT RESTWELL, I HAVE THE PERFECT COVER!

NO ONE THINKS TO LOOK FOR THE VULTURE IN A NURSING HOME!

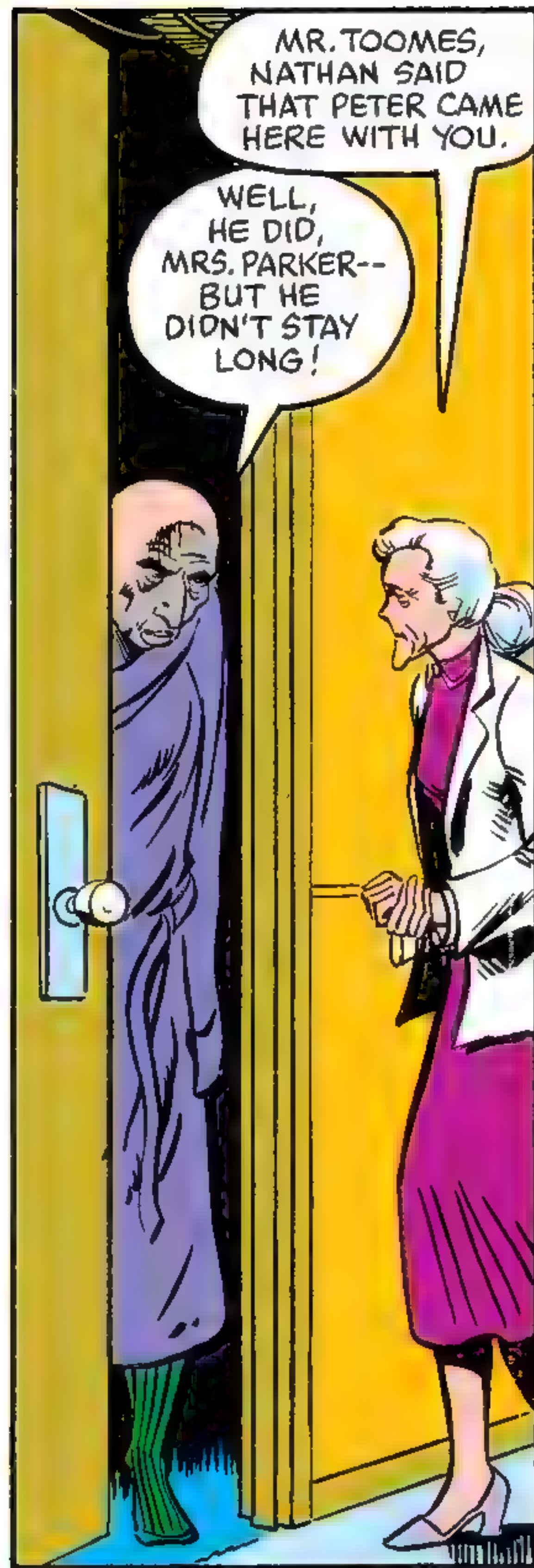


WHY, I WAS EVEN ABLE TO USE MY REAL NAME! NO ONE BOTHERED TO CHECK IT!

NOW, MY YOUNG FRIEND... WE'LL SEE HOW WELL YOU FALL FROM TEN THOUSAND FEET.

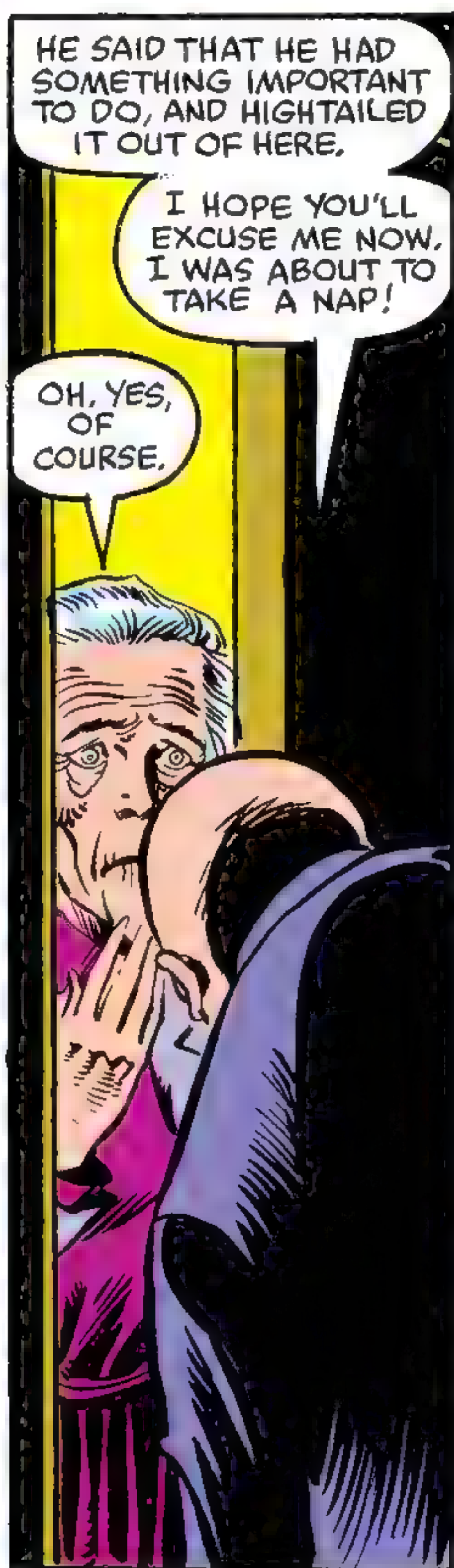
NOK  
NOK

EH? WHO COULD THAT BE?



MR. TOOMES, NATHAN SAID THAT PETER CAME HERE WITH YOU.

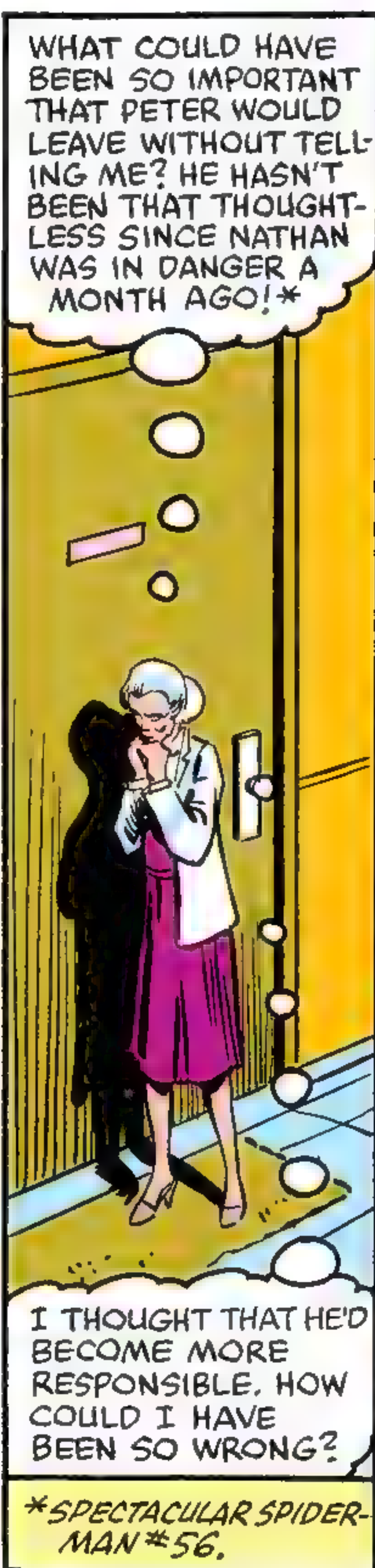
WELL, HE DID, MRS. PARKER-- BUT HE DIDN'T STAY LONG!



HE SAID THAT HE HAD SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO DO, AND HIGHTAILED IT OUT OF HERE.

I HOPE YOU'LL EXCUSE ME NOW, I WAS ABOUT TO TAKE A NAP!

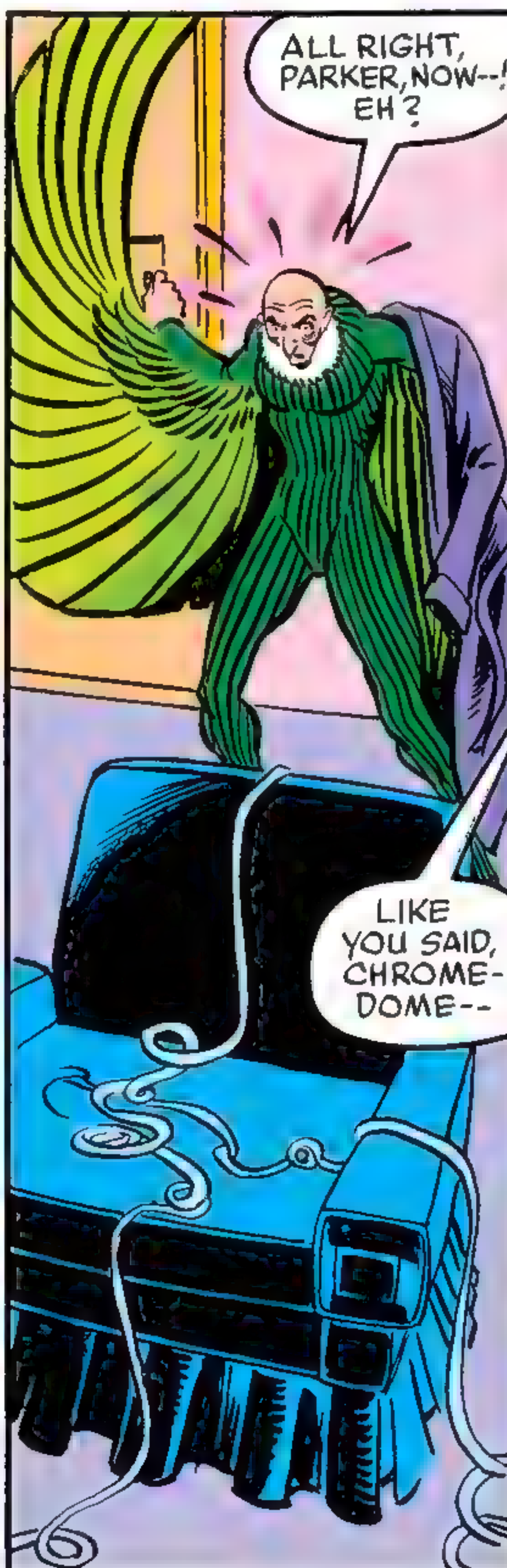
OH, YES, OF COURSE.



WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN SO IMPORTANT THAT PETER WOULD LEAVE WITHOUT TELLING ME? HE HASN'T BEEN THAT THOUGHTLESS SINCE NATHAN WAS IN DANGER A MONTH AGO!\*

I THOUGHT THAT HE'D BECOME MORE RESPONSIBLE. HOW COULD I HAVE BEEN SO WRONG?

\*SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #56.



ALL RIGHT, PARKER, NOW--! EH?

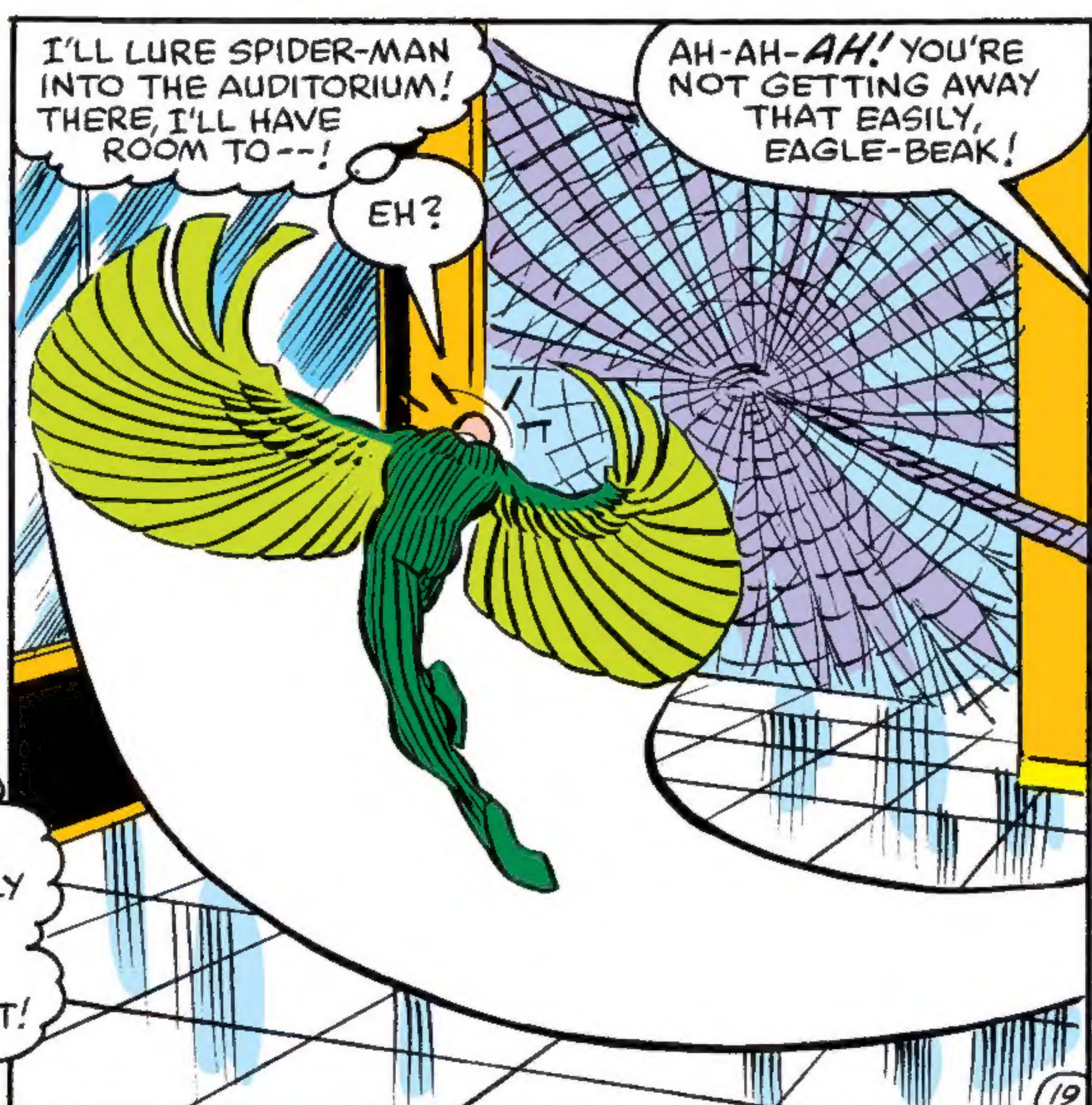
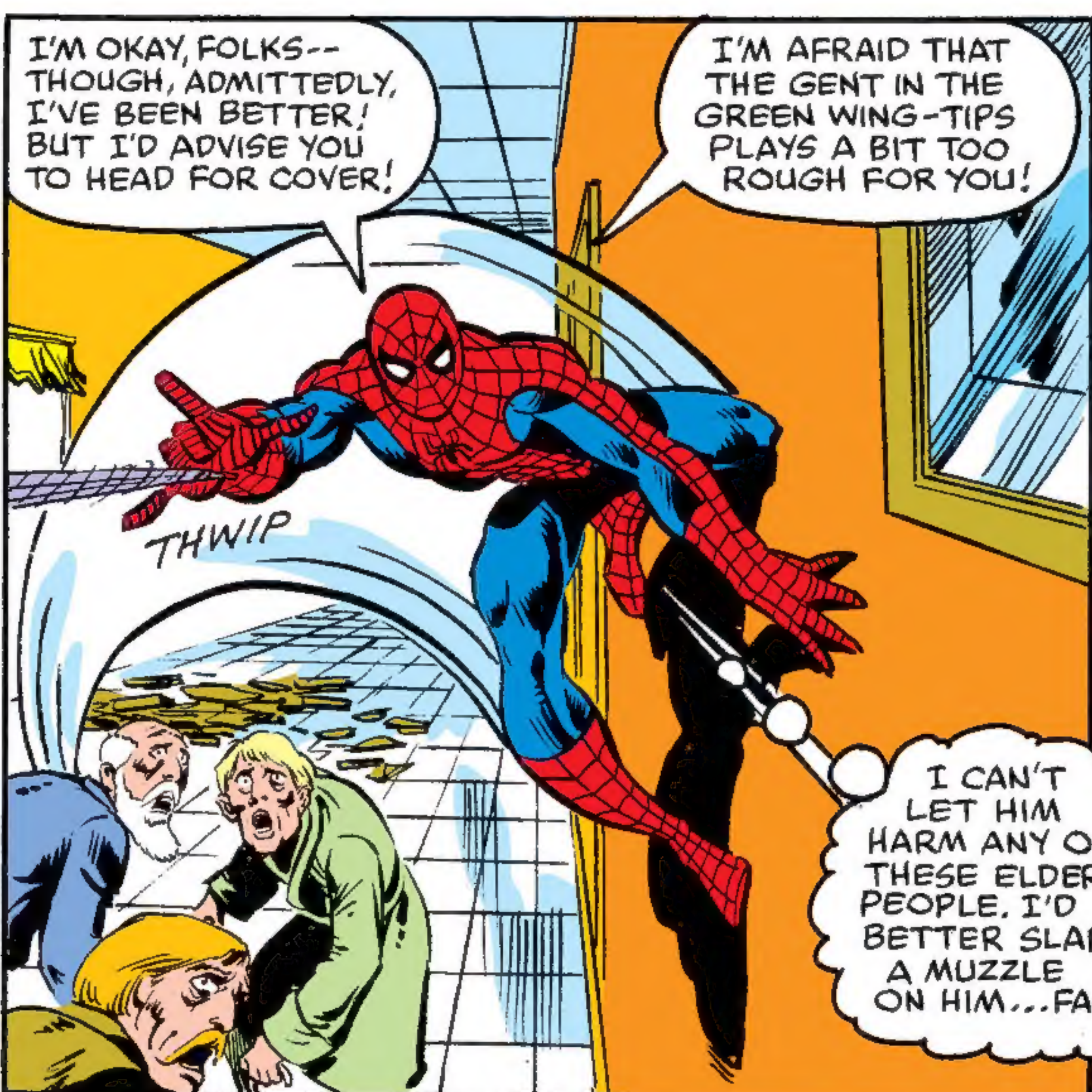
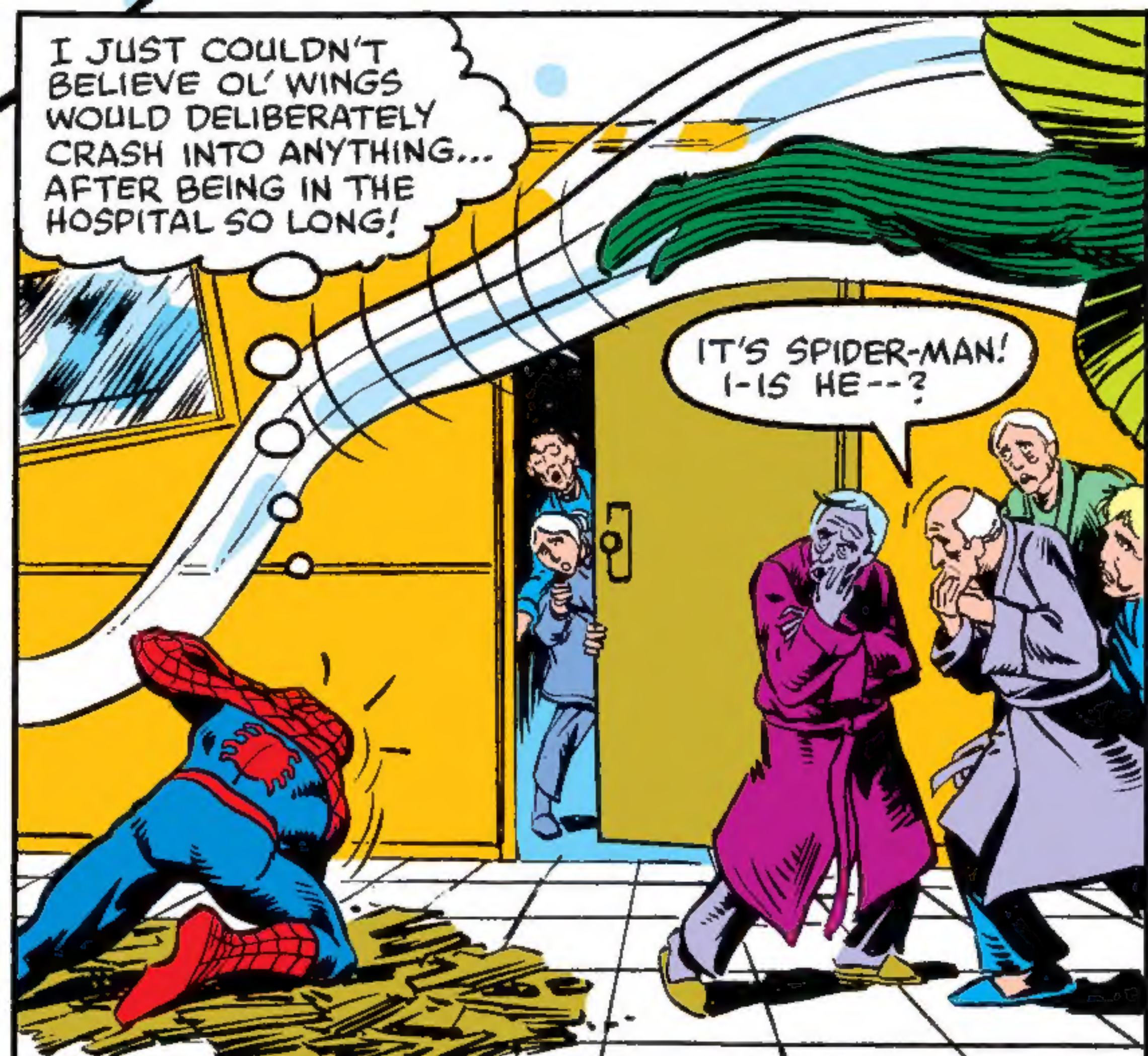
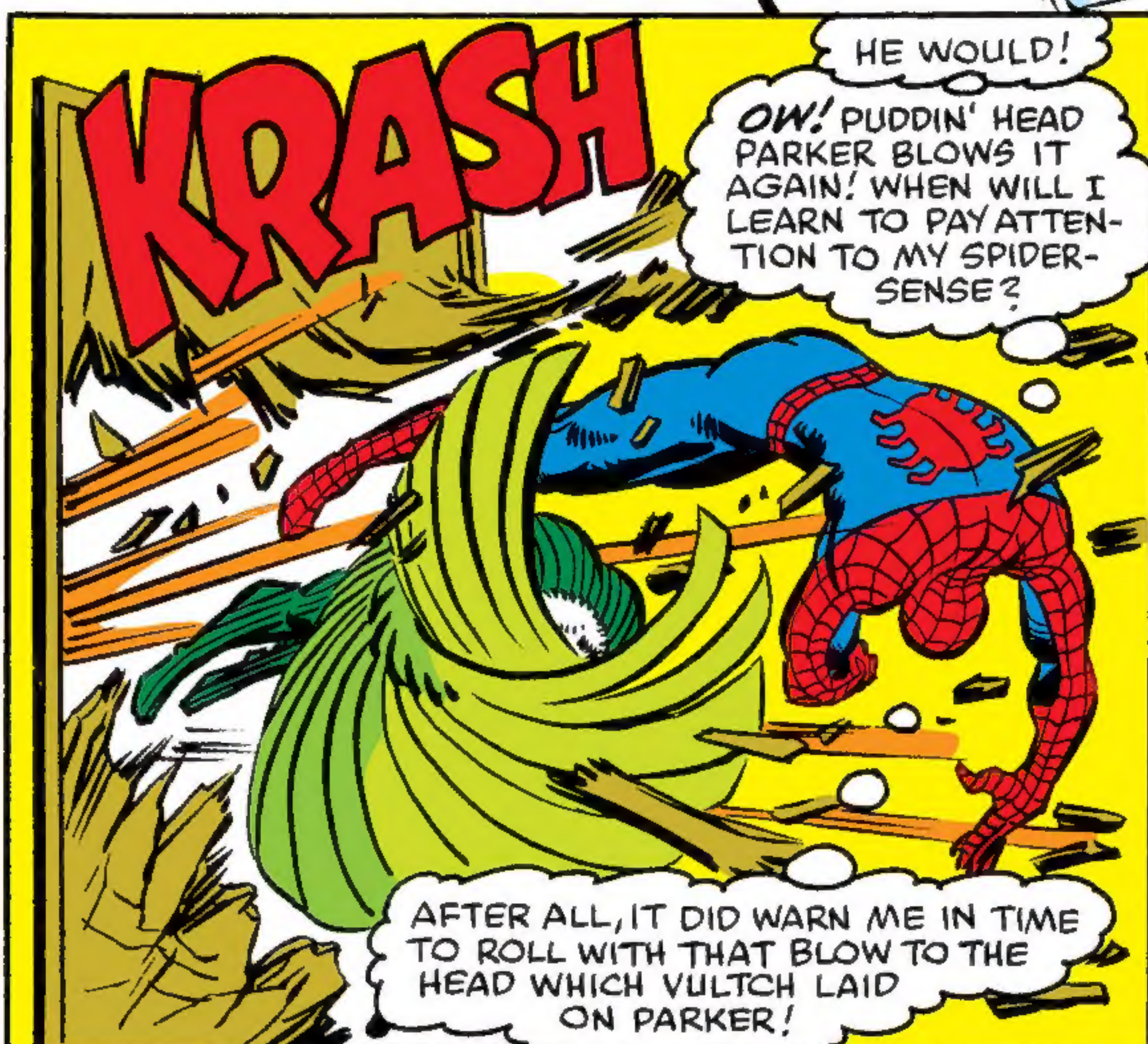
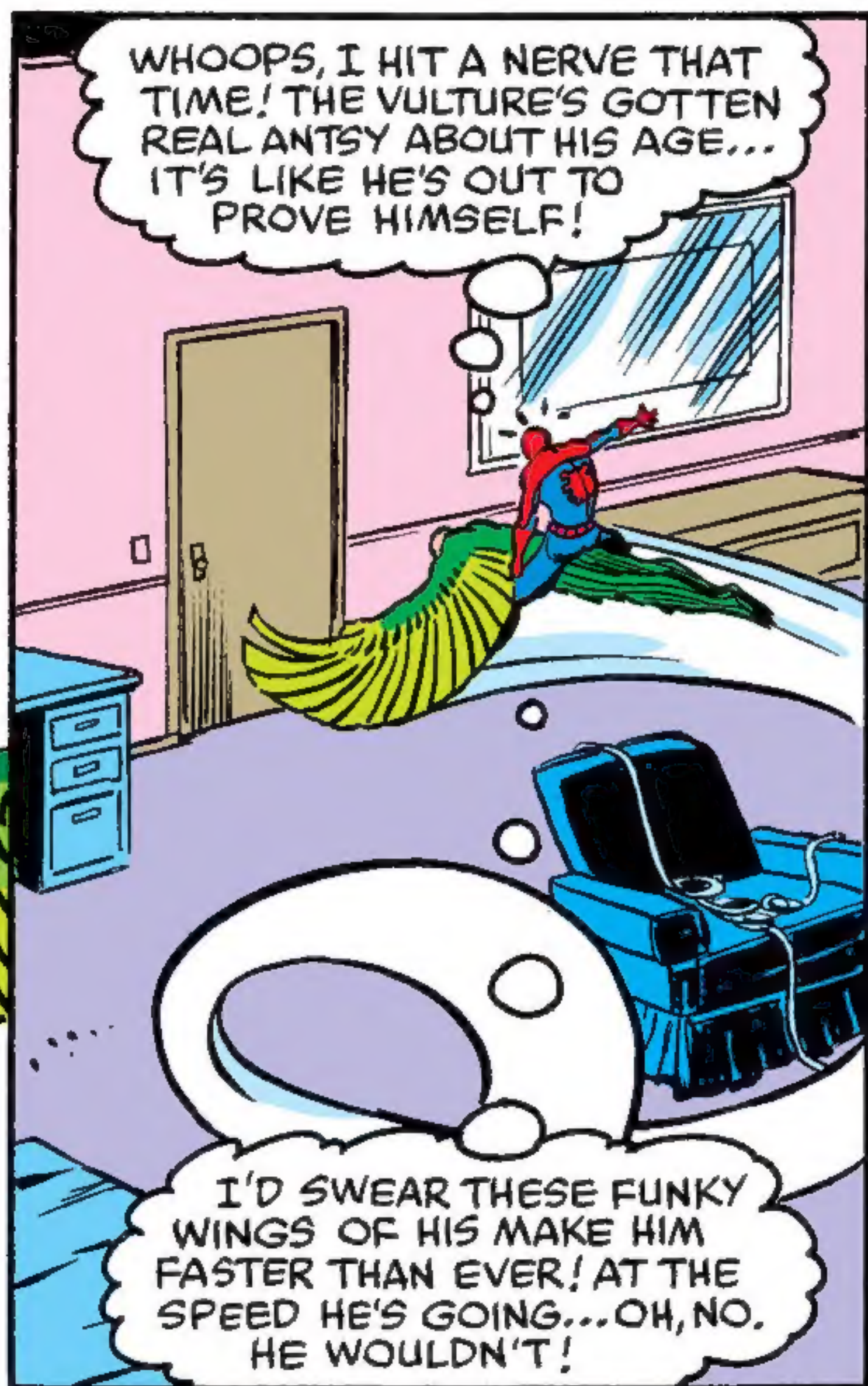
LIKE YOU SAID, CHROME--



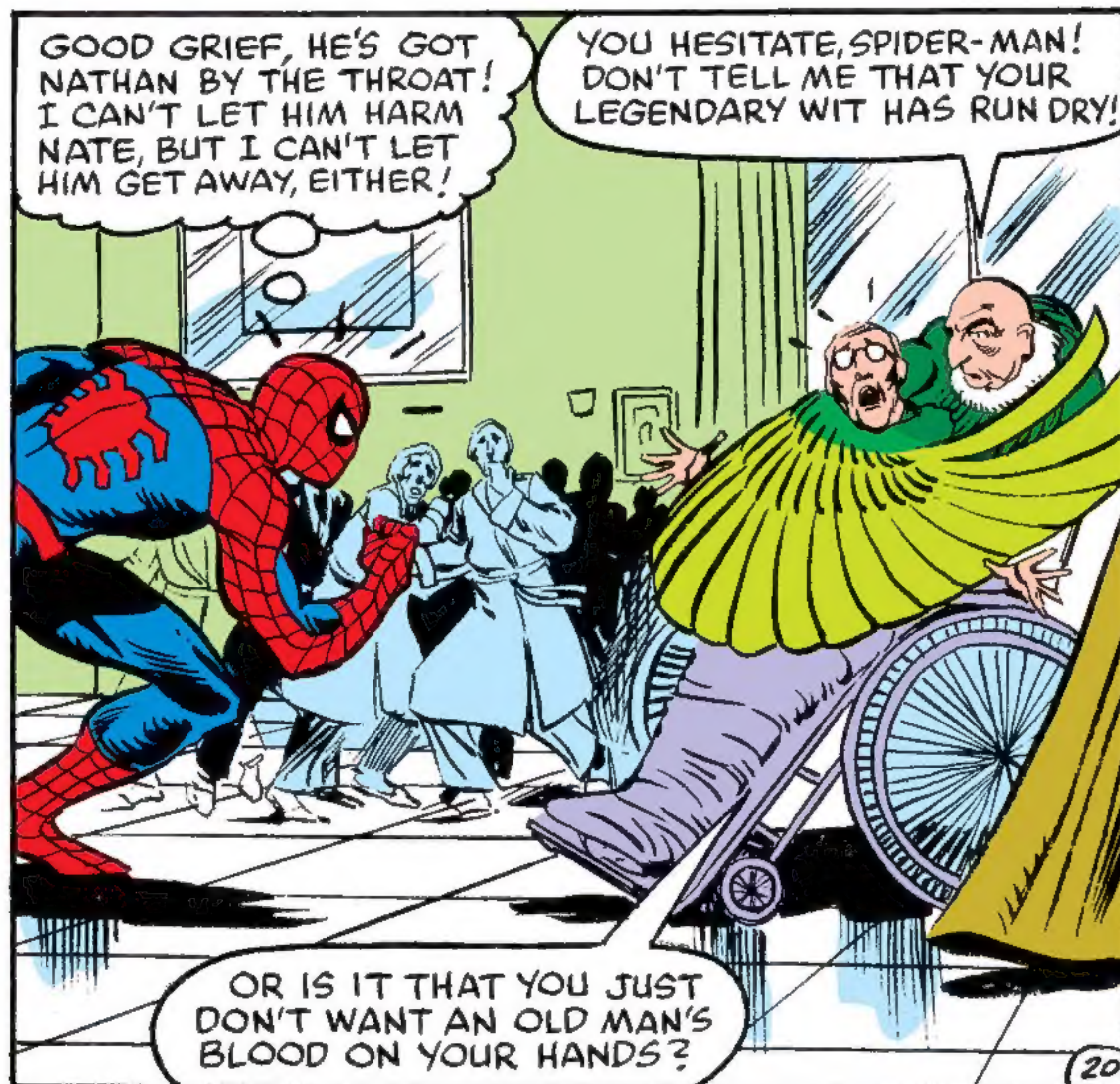
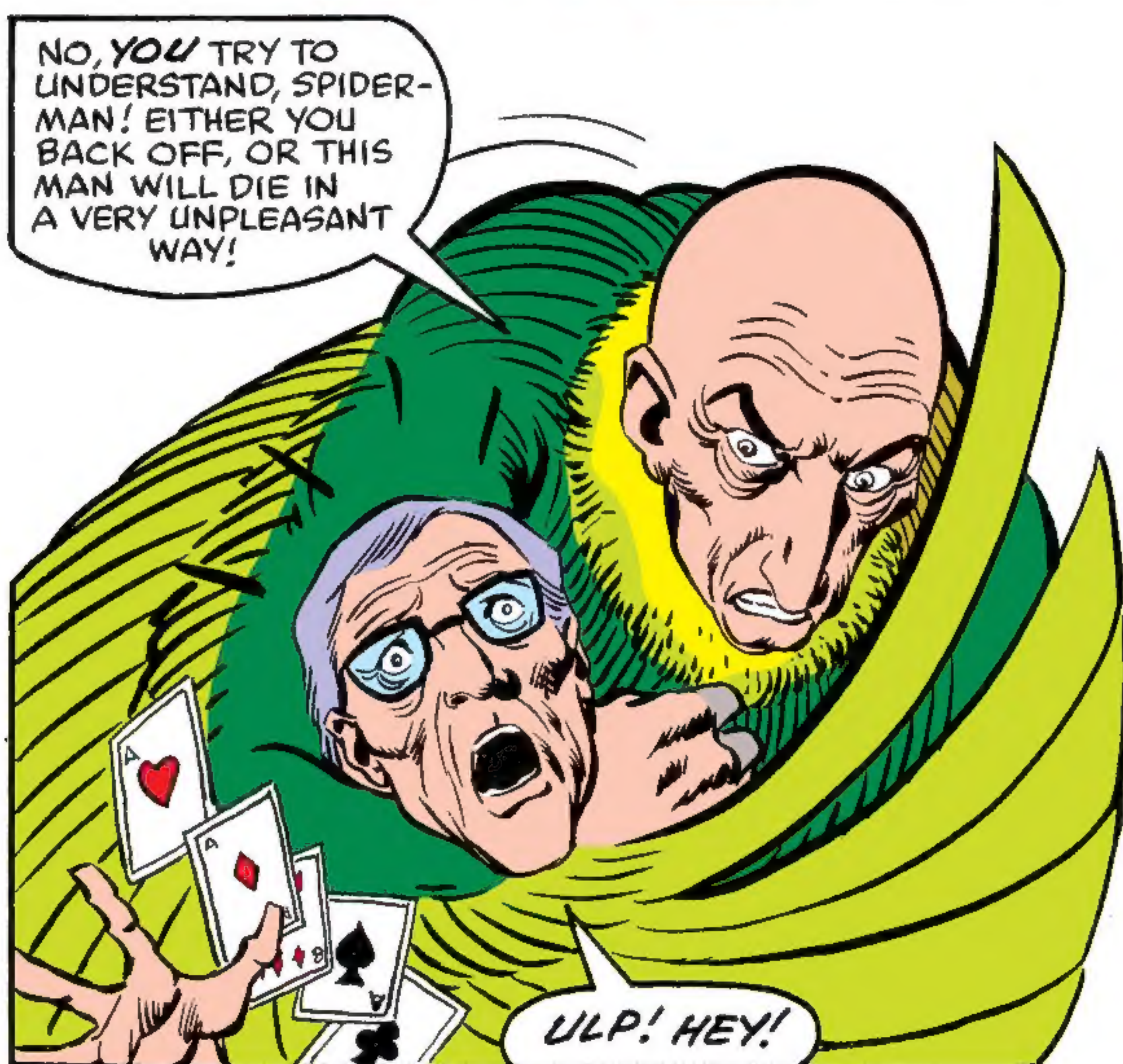
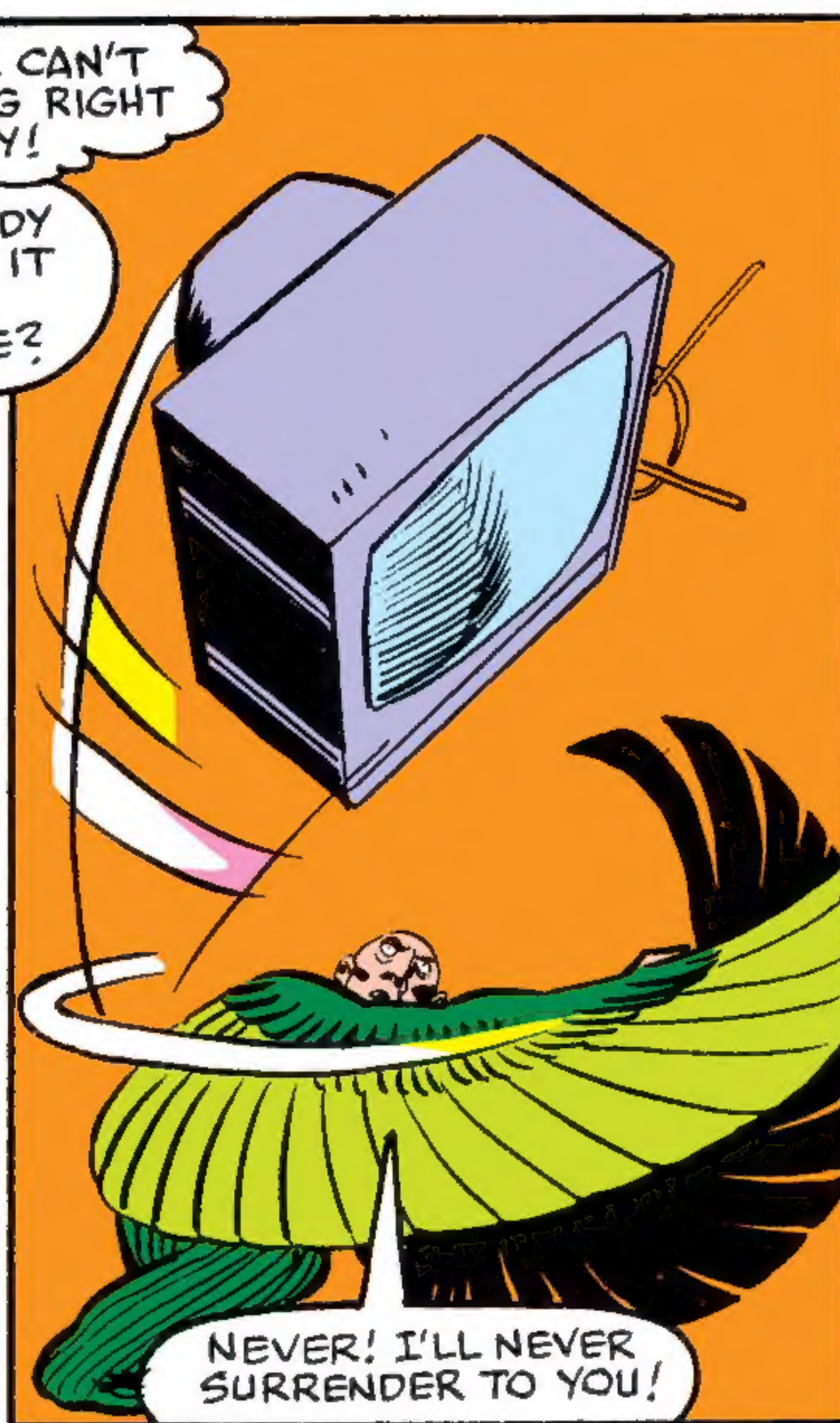
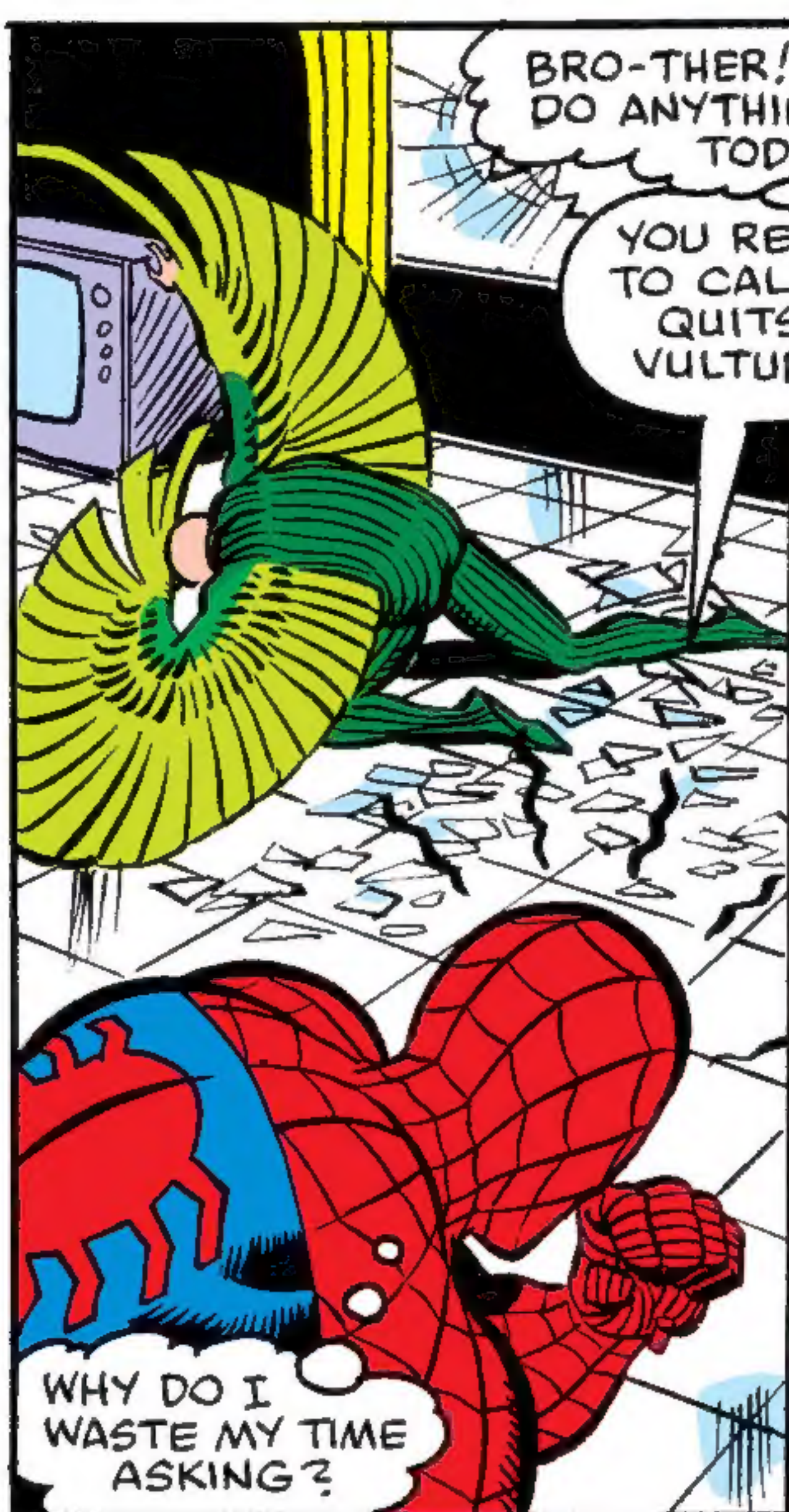
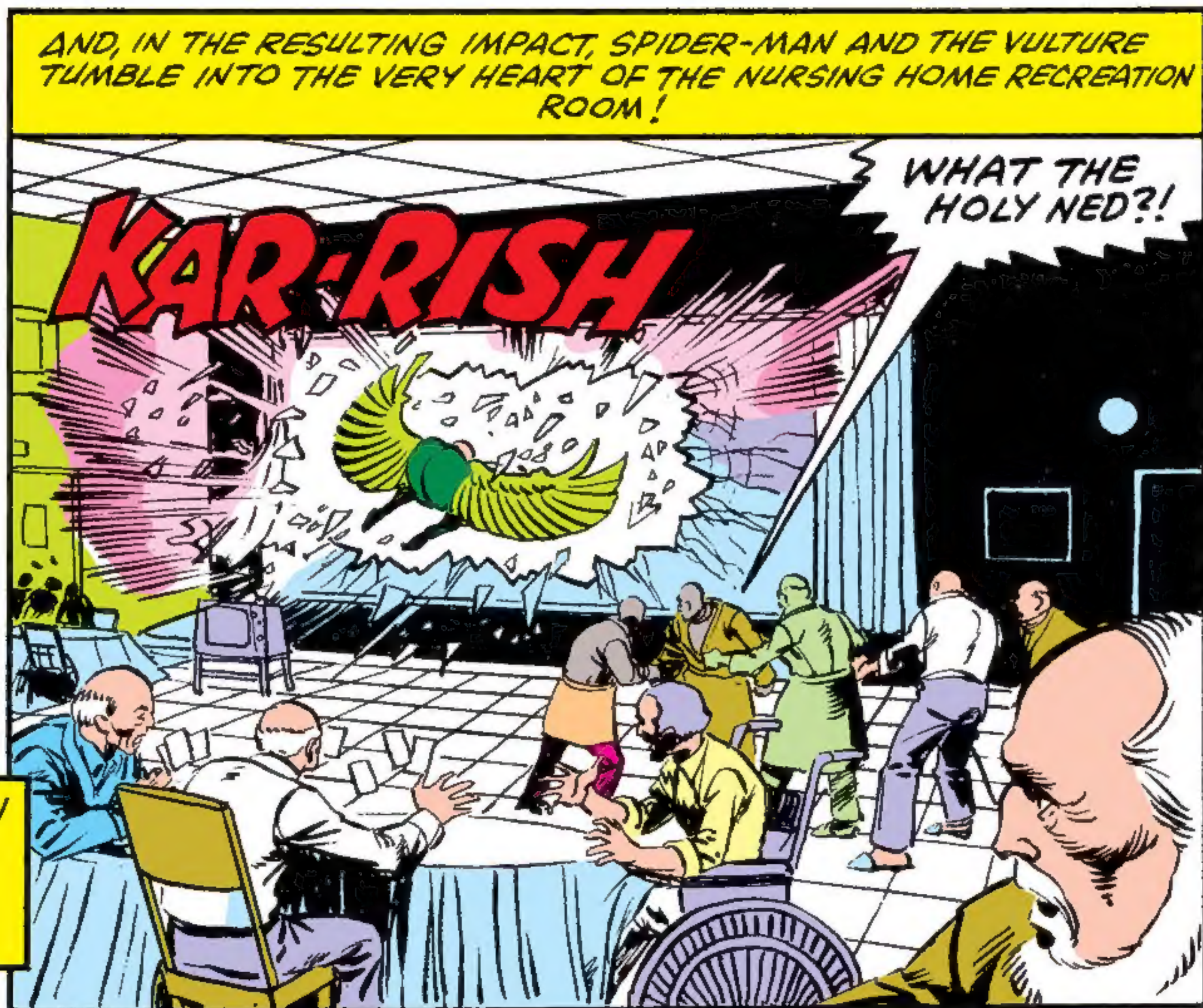
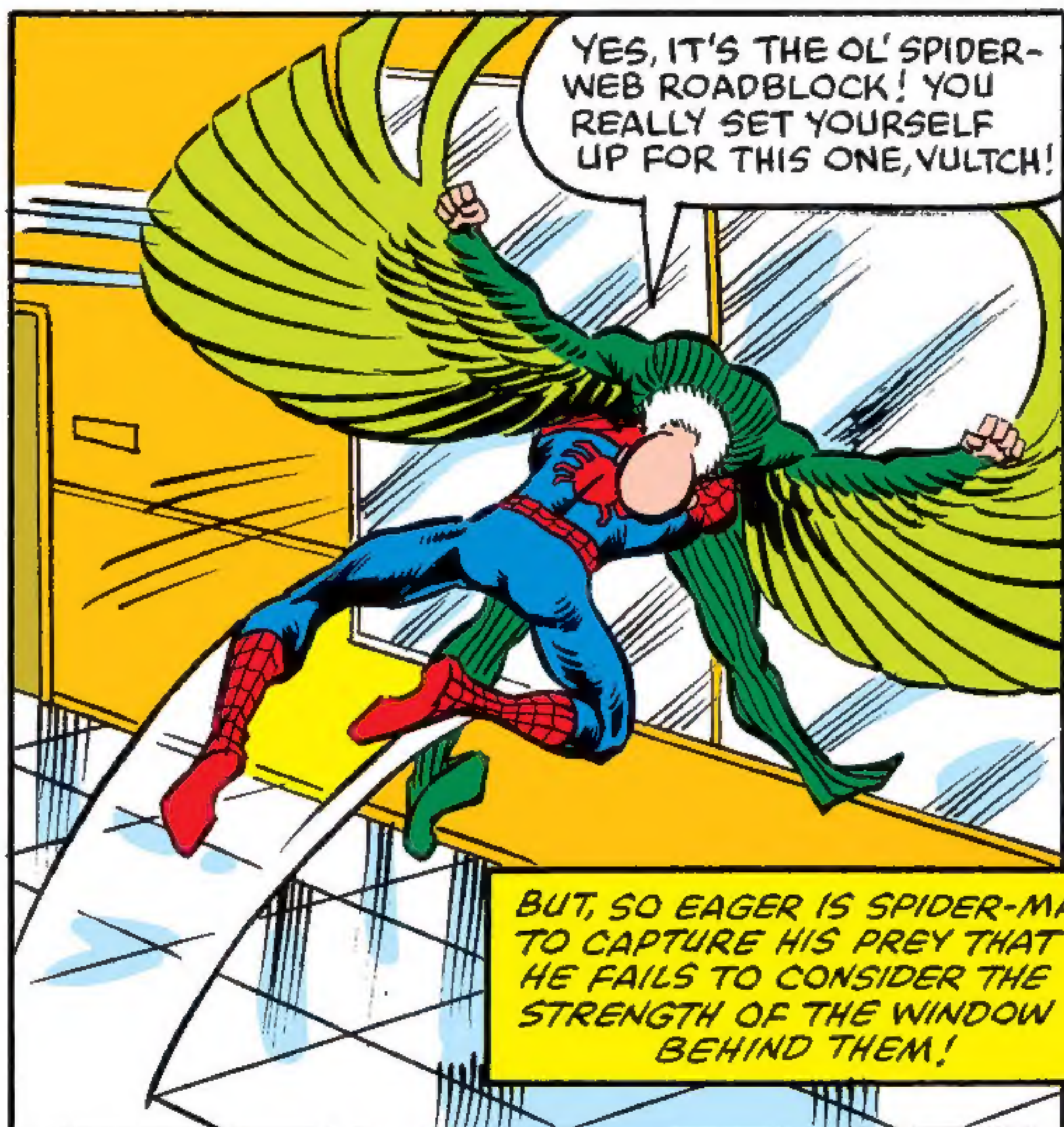
--THE MAN HAD SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO DO! BUT, IF YOU'RE WILLING, I'LL STAND IN FOR HIM!

SPIDER-MAN!! HOW--?

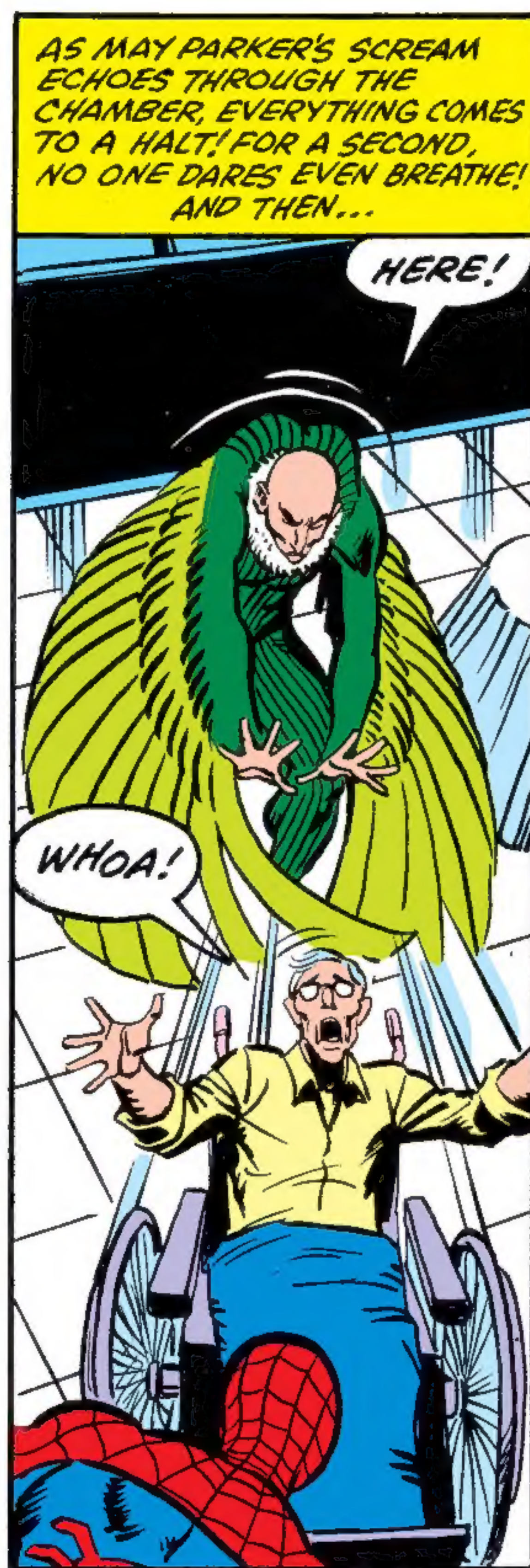






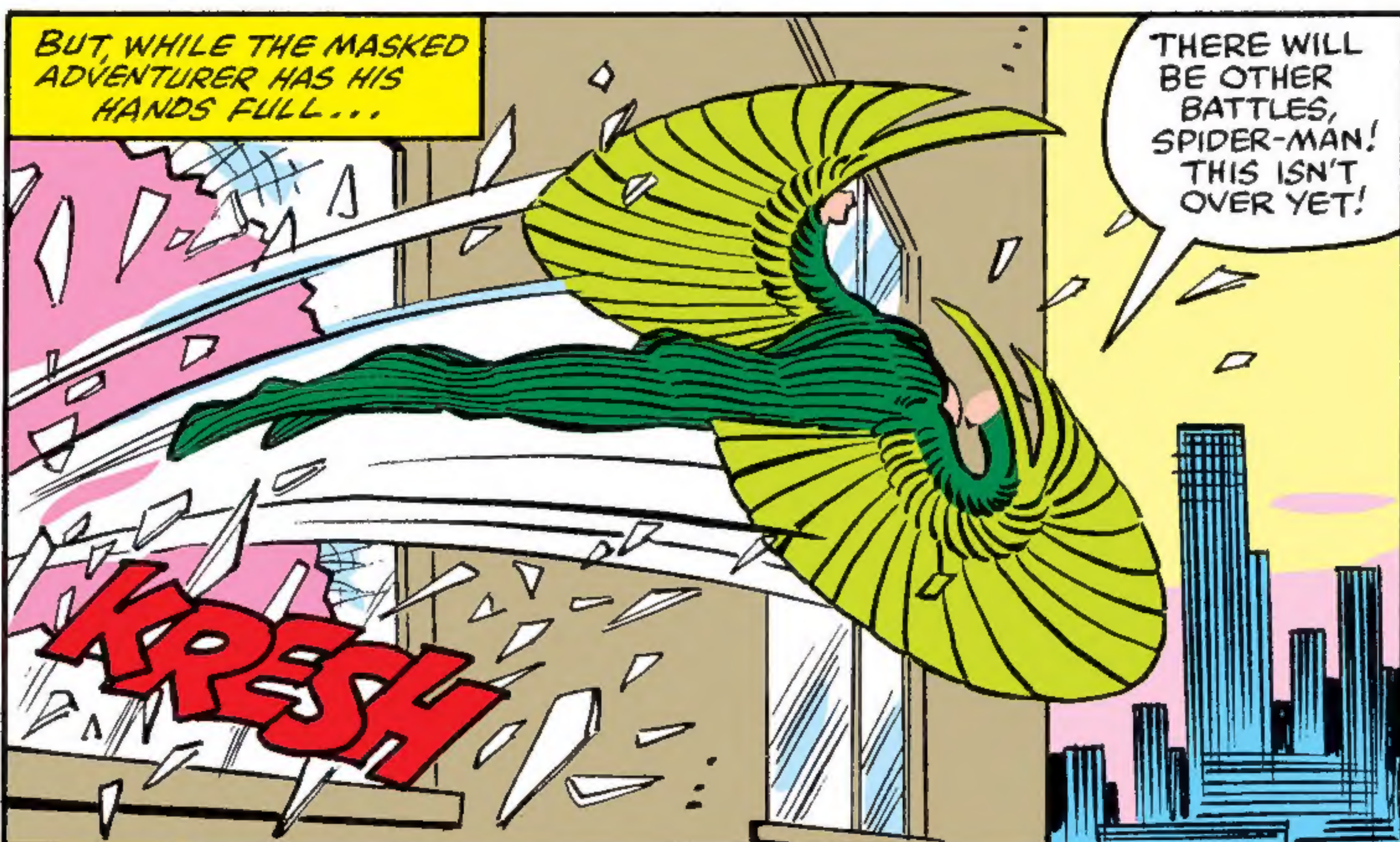






RELAX, SIR! I HAVE YOU!

THE VULTURE COULD HAVE KILLED NATHAN... *WOULD* HAVE, IF HE HADN'T REALIZED WHO HE HAD! THERE MUST BE SOME HUMANITY LEFT IN THE OLD BIRD, AFTER ALL!





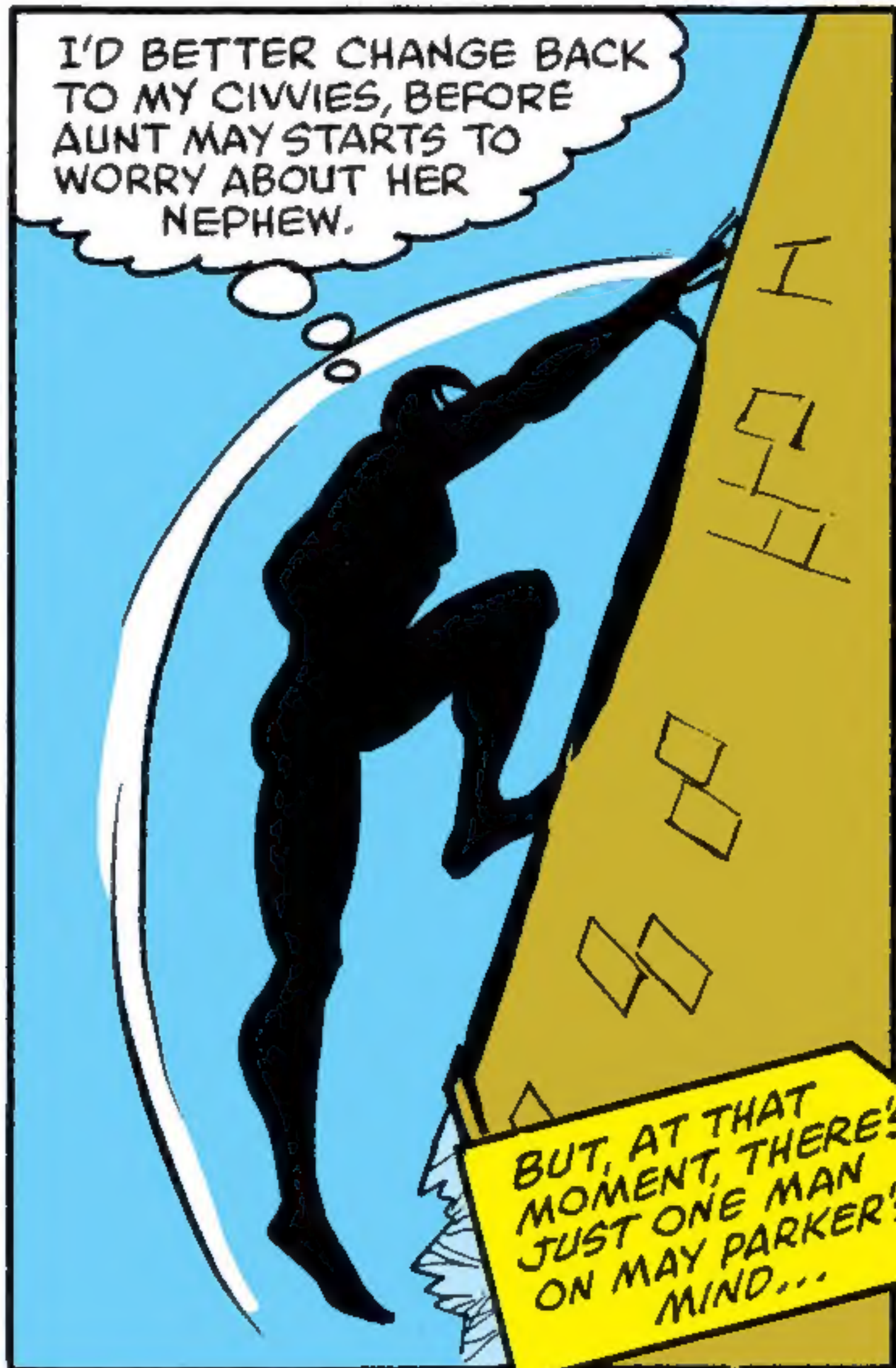
AND SO, BY THE TIME SPIDER-MAN HAS MANAGED TO GENTLY GET AWAY FROM THE CROWD OF ELDERLY WELL-WISHERS...



GONE! MY LUCK IS STILL HOLDING...

...AND IT'S ALL BAD.

I'D BETTER CHANGE BACK TO MY CIVVIES, BEFORE AUNT MAY STARTS TO WORRY ABOUT HER NEPHEW.



BUT, AT THAT MOMENT, THERE'S JUST ONE MAN ON MAY PARKER'S MIND...

ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE ALL RIGHT?

SHOOT, THIS WAS NOTHIN', MAY! I EVER TELL YOU ABOUT THE TIME THE COPS IN ST. JOE RAIDED MY POKER GAME?



IT LOOKS LIKE I MISSED ALL THE EXCITEMENT!

WHY, PETER! YOU CAME BACK!

I WASN'T REALLY GONE. THE VULTURE TIED ME UP, BUT SPIDER-MAN FREED ME!



OH, YOU POOR BOY!

AW, I'M OKAY! HAS ANYONE CALLED THE POLICE?

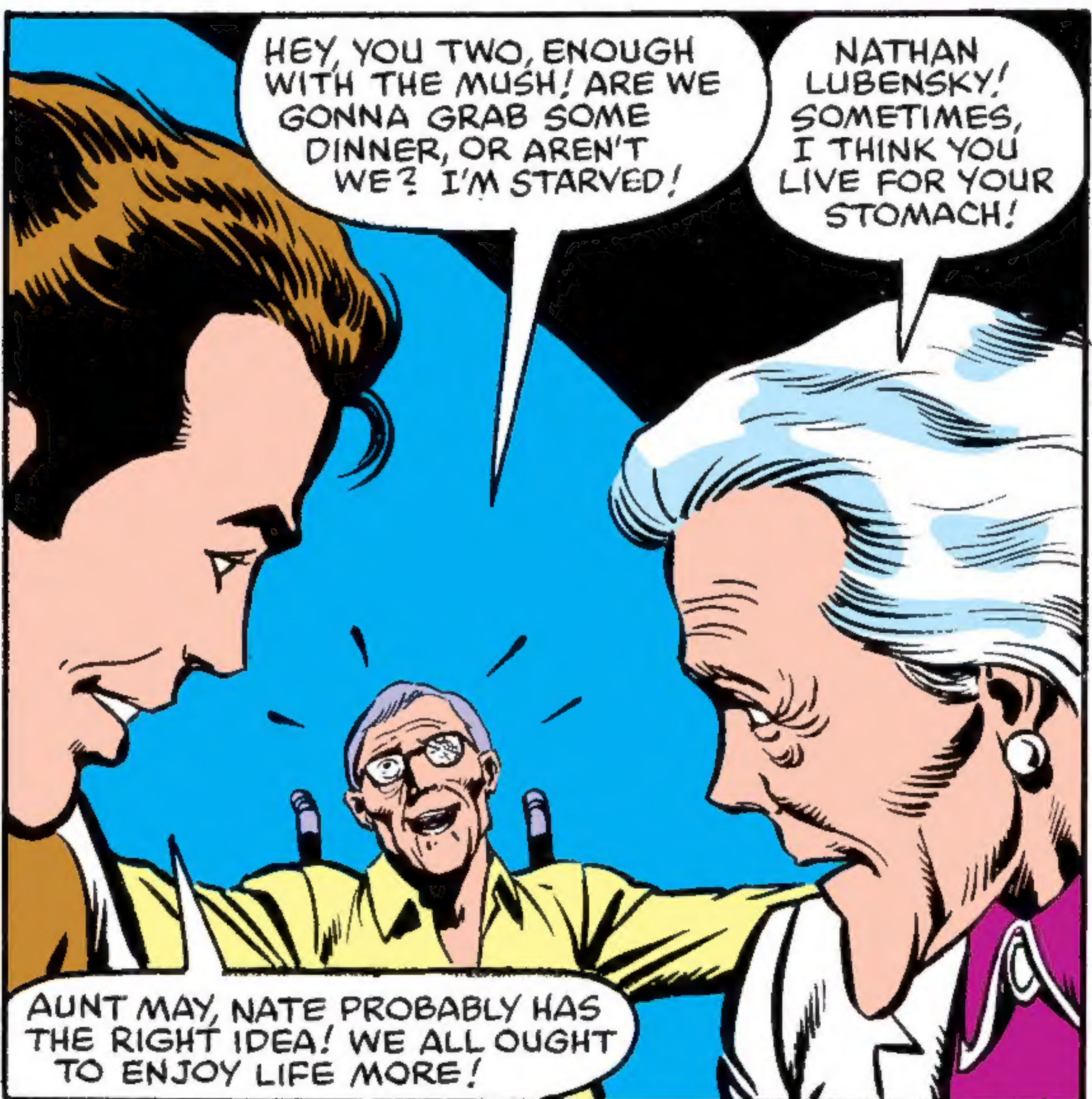
OH! I GUESS I'D BETTER DO THAT!



HEY, YOU TWO, ENOUGH WITH THE MUSH! ARE WE GONNA GRAB SOME DINNER, OR AREN'T WE? I'M STARVED!

NATHAN LUBENSKY! SOMETIMES, I THINK YOU LIVE FOR YOUR STOMACH!

AUNT MAY, NATE PROBABLY HAS THE RIGHT IDEA! WE ALL OUGHT TO ENJOY LIFE MORE!



WE NEVER KNOW WHEN SOMEONE LIKE THE VULTURE COULD COME ALONG AND PUT AN END TO IT!

**NEXT** **FOOLS... LIKE US!**

